#### Town of Drumheller COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA

Monday, June 17, 2019 at 4:30 PM Council Chambers, Town Hall 224 Centre Street, Drumheller, Alberta

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2019

AGENDA ITEM #2.1

# Town of Drumheller's Communication Plan

The Town of Drumheller's Communication Plan outlines themes, objectives and specific actions to assist the organization in connecting with citizens. Care has been taken to recognize the growing demand for open and two-way communication, particularly as it pertains to listening to citizens, gathering feedback and the expanding influence of technology in accessing information. The Plan is a living document and will be reviewed and updated annually.



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# Getting Started

#### Introduction

This document establishes the Town of Drumheller's coordinated approach to corporate communication. The goals, strategies and actions outlined over the following pages were drawn from feedback obtained through various sources, including:

- the results of the 2018 Public Participation Survey,
- the public participation policy
- conversations with members of Council, stakeholders and staff identifying past communication practices and future needs.

Pulled together, suggestions, survey results and conversations provide the foundation for a *Communications Plan*; a plan that facilitates the creation of an organizational culture that values open and two-way communication in how it listens to citizens, plans projects and undertakes tasks.

"A Communications Strategy will be created and implemented by the end of 2019" Town of Drumheller Strategic Plan 2018-19

# A Communication Culture

#### Our current state

The Town of Drumheller manages the corporate communication function using a centralized approach that places responsibility for implementing and budgeting communication activities directly with the Communication Officer. The approach is successful in creating centralized and consistent messaging. This approach can, however, cause a backlog and overstretching of resources

#### **Moving forward**

By implementing this plan, the Town of Drumheller will work to create an organizational culture that values open and two-way communication in how it listens to citizens, plans projects, undertakes tasks and informs the public about them. Creating this culture requires that staff understand how their roles – both individually and collectively – impact the Town in communicating its message. Likewise, knowledge of how citizens wish to send and receive information, and with what frequency, must be recognized and supported. Town staff and Councillors need to be supported in becoming messengers.

But simply communicating and receiving information is not enough.

Building trust is a crucial element in creating the connections that lead to successful two-way communication, thus attention to how Council, staff and citizens relate to and understand one another's messages must be thoroughly considered. Similarly, as circumstances change, procedures and routines that once built understanding may now generate limited meaning, requiring the Town to recognize emerging trends and introduce new ways to connect with citizens, and in doing so, ignite open dialogue, mutual understanding and genuine confidence.

# Our Approach

#### **Guiding Principles**

The Town of Drumheller's Communication Plan is based on an organizational culture that is guided by the following principles that support effective municipal communication.

#### **Taking Responsibility**

Every member of Council and staff has a role to play in assisting the Town to listen to citizens, incorporate feedback and communicate its message.

#### **Informing Citizens**

Make information available to citizens in a timely fashion, using the channels they prefer.

#### **Active Listening**

Citizens want to be heard – communicate information that acknowledges their input.

#### **Measuring and Improving**

Ensure Town resources are used effectively and appropriately by regularly evaluating the information the Town sends out.

#### Keeping pace with change

The environment into which the Town of Drumheller distributes its messages, along with the tools that it uses, is marked by change. With the creation of socially networked channels (social media) that allow citizens to easily share their ideas, personal experiences and feedback, the desire for online dialogue has never been greater.

Opportunities to expand the current use of popular social media channels like Facebook, Twitter and YouTube are identified in specific actions throughout this plan, but their use is not limited to those actions only. It is anticipated that additional applications will quickly emerge as adoption of social media increases and evolves.

# Goal One

#### Keep residents informed about programs and services

#### Objective 1.1

Strengthen the Town's ability to anticipate issues and prepare timely information

1.1.1 Be proactive in identifying public issues as well as listening and responding to community interests

#### **ACTIONS**

- Identify current and emerging resources for collecting citizen feedback and maintaining dialogue – including changing trends in social media – and provide training to staff
- Circulate important and timely issue updates to Council, staff and citizens
- 1.1.2 Support staff members in understand their roles in the issues management process

#### **ACTIONS**

- Establish procedures outlining best practices and desired outcomes
- The CAO and Communications Officer will determine in advance who will be the spokesperson on particular issues and topics, and make this information available to Council and staff
- 1.1.3 Determine issue and announcement cycles to identify and prepare public information in advance to address questions

#### ACTIONS

- Create question and answers and tip resources and update annually
- Identify spokespeople in advance of a pending issue cycle
- Identify public safety issues and plan communication accordingly

#### Goal One continued

#### Objective 1.2

Continuously improve the process by which citizens can connect with Council and staff

#### 1.2.1 Ensure Town staff contact directories are up to date and easy to find

#### **ACTIONS**

- Promote contact information using distribution methods that provide the best reception, including social media
- Create an easy-to spot "contact" icon for website and standardize these icons across all webpages

# 1.2.2 Provide front-line staff with information and updates on topics of strong public interest

#### **ACTIONS**

- Brief staff on current issues in advance of them engaging citizens during regular duties
- Create a resource for staff to log feedback on comments regarding what they are hearing or being asked by citizens and the media
- Establish realistic guidelines for timely responses to citizen questions
- Prepare topical question and answers, including contact references

#### 1.2.3 Introduce new opportunities for citizen feedback on the Town's website

#### **ACTIONS**

- Invite website users to rate the value of posted content
- Increase the number of gateways for supplying comments

# **Goal Two**

Increase the capacity of the Town to communicate with citizens in meaningful ways

#### Objective 2.1

Improve dialogue with citizens by boosting Council and staff awareness about what is taking place across the organization

#### 2.1.1 Raise awareness of department responsibilities and activities

#### **ACTIONS**

- Create issue focused fact sheets and updates and distribute these to Council and staff using methods that provide the best reception
- Profile individual or team contributions from different departments on the Town Website
- Distribute informative department-focused news articles to Council and staff

#### 2.1.2 Communicate important Council and corporate decisions to staff

#### ACTIONS

- Distribute all news releases to all staff and Council
- Host a regular "Meeting with the CAO" and invite staff from across the organization for a casual update
- Prepare a bimonthly message from the CAO and circulate to staff using methods that provide the best reception

# 2.1.3 Provide advance notice to staff highlighting the Town's position or actions being taken on emerging developments

#### **ACTIONS**

 Create a monthly employee Newsletter and raise staff awareness of recent postings using methods that provide the best reception

## Goal Two continued

#### Objective 2.2

Introduce planning, processes and training that supports open communication and builds quality customer service

#### 2.2.1 Create annual department communication plans

#### **ACTIONS**

- Work with directors and managers to identify annual communication priorities for the coming year; build actions into yearly work plans for management staff
- Determine budget and resource requirements
- Identify key audiences and decide when to listen and decide when to engage

# 2.2.2 Standardize common operational procedures for communicating the Town's message and receiving feedback from citizens

#### **ACTIONS**

- Create regular patterns of work across the organization for listening to citizens, sending out messages, alerting the media, hosting events, updating the website, informing staff, etc.
- Identify best practices for communication processes in procedure documents and circulate these to staff using methods that provide the best reception
- Maintain efficient and cooperative relationships with members of the media

# 2.2.3 Provide training to identified staff for writing and delivering public information and preparing communication planning documents

#### ACTIONS

- Host communication product writing workshops
- Establish a standard common communication products, including graphic and layout standards
- Provide spokesperson training

# **Goal Three**

#### Boost participation in local government and the public process

#### Objective 3.1

Improve the manner in which community engagement events are promoted and how feedback is obtained

3.1.1 Regularly request direction from citizens regarding which channels they use to send and receive information

#### **ACTIONS**

 Solicit public feedback on the effectiveness of all channels used to distribute the Town's message – social media, print advertisements, news stories, website, direct mail, newsletters, utility bills, etc.

#### 3.1.2 Secure larger turnouts during community consultations

#### **ACTIONS**

- Coordinate events in conjunction with popular public gatherings
- Plan events in advance to access prime advertising opportunities
- Identify barriers that may exist to public participation and how these barriers influence citizen turnout
- 3.1.3 Promote the use of online civic engagement tools and social media for contributing citizen feedback and suggestions to the Town

#### **ACTIONS**

- Capitalize on existing applications or develop custom applications that make providing feedback simple and convenient
- Introduce internet software that can increase citizen involvement and trust in the public process
- Identify groups within the local population who may be restricted in fully participating in the public process and explore alternative methods of reaching out to them

#### Goal Three continued

#### Objective 3.2

Boost awareness and understanding of local government process, policy and priorities

# 3.2.1 Improve how information concerning public process and decision making is communicated and presented

#### **ACTIONS**

- Reposition sought out material to reflect common interests and concerns
- Raise the profile of popular information on website to make it easier to notice
- Using methods that provide the best reception, effectively explain details surrounding the Town's annual budget and how money is being spent
- Paint a bigger picture of what the Town is doing by describing how individual projects and initiatives support the Town's Strategic Plan

# 3.2.2 Promote sources of information where members of the public can learn more about local government

#### **ACTIONS**

- Introduce annual campaign to raise awareness about local government and the opportunities and methods to participate in public processes
- Create short and informative videos outlining opportunities for participating in the public process; share these via YouTube
- Use social media to draw attention to timely aspects of upcoming municipal procedures and events

#### 3.2.3 Build partnerships that supply information to new citizens and youth

#### **ACTIONS**

 Work with local agencies and public sector organizations to distribute information on public meetings, key contacts and important dates

# **Goal Four**

### Develop relationships that bridge differences and foster dialogue

#### Objective 4.1

Balance the use of formal communication with opportunities for informal dialogue

4.1.1 Establish an annual schedule of open house events that receive and convey information on popular or annual topics

#### **ACTIONS**

- Host events at locations where foot traffic is high
- Plan events far enough in advance that they can be included on community calendars or upcoming event notices
- 4.1.2 Raise awareness of Town programs and initiatives by encouraging readership of social media postings.

#### **ACTIONS**

- Continue to promote the Town's various social media accounts and work to attract more diverse users of this channel
- Follow emerging trends concerning social media usage and implement new platforms to widen the reach of the Town's message
- 4.1.3 Create "Project Ambassadors" for certain projects for the public to contact

#### **ACTIONS**

- Appoint Town staff into "information ambassadors" to act as point people to take questions from the public and seek out answers concerning specific projects
- Promote these individuals as trustworthy and reliable sources of information

#### Goal Four continued

#### Objective 4.2

Ensure all corporate messaging is sensitive to the reception and cultural needs of a diverse population.

#### 4.2.1 Whenever possible, use plain-language for all public messaging

#### **ACTIONS**

- Provide checklists and general standards for staff to review prior to distributing material to the public
- Ensure agendas prepared for public Council meetings contain straightforward descriptions of what is scheduled for discussion

#### 4.2.2 Provide avenues to translate Town information into other languages

#### **ACTIONS**

- Obtain knowledge of how many languages are spoken locally in Drumheller and which ones are first languages spoken daily amongst family, friends and business acquaintances
- Identify citizens who may require alternatives to English and ensure provisions are made during the communication planning process
- Where opportunities exist, partner with local multicultural associations and immigrant welcome centres to help communicate the Town's message to new Canadians

# Notes

#### **Questions:**

#### What is the timeline for carrying out the actions identified in this plan?

The Town of Drumheller's Communication Plan is a deliverable of the Town's guiding strategy document, the *2019 Corporate Strategic Plan*. Carrying out specific actions identified throughout the Communication Plan will be realized over a three-year period. It is anticipated that some actions will be completed quickly – likely within the first year of being adopted – while other actions will take longer. A listing of the action categories, along with proposed timelines, is attached as Appendix A.

#### Who is responsible for implementing this plan?

The Town of Drumheller's Communication Plan will facilitate the creation of an organizational culture that values open and two-way communication in how it listens to residents, plans projects and undertakes tasks. Implementing the actions identified in the Communication Plan is therefore a coordinated and joint responsibility for everyone who has a direct role to play in assisting the Town of Drumheller to listen to citizens, incorporate feedback and communicate its message. Administration of the Town's communication function is carried out by the Communication Officer and includes planning, research and measurement. A cross-departmental Communication Committee, chaired by the Communication Manager, provides additional feedback and buy-in.

#### What will be some of the tangible outcomes of this plan?

Tangible outcomes will vary depending on the circumstances through which communication actions are applied to specific situations. General examples include: improved communication planning for events, public engagement, Town operations and departments; policies and procedures specific to communication functions and information transparency; enhanced public information products including the Town website, education materials and social media usage; and increased sharing of information, both externally and internally.

I have comments and suggestions concerning this communication plan; who can I send my feedback to?

Comments and suggestions can be forwarded to <a href="mailto:communications@dinosaurvalley.com">communications@dinosaurvalley.com</a>

# Appendix A

The following table lists the 22 actions identified in the Communication Plan, along with proposed timelines.

Action		Timeline
1.1.1	Be proactive in identifying public issues as well as listening and responding to community interests	ongoing
1.1.2	Support staff members in understanding their roles in the issues management process	2019
1.1.3	Determine annual issue and announcement cycles to identify and hear citizen concerns and prepare public information in advance to address questions	2019-2020
1.2.1	Ensure Town staff contact directories are up to date and easy to find	2019
1.2.2	Provide front-line staff with information and updates on topics of strong public interest	ongoing
1.2.3	Introduce new opportunities for citizen feedback on the Town's website	<mark>2020</mark>
2.1.1	Raise awareness of department responsibilities and activities	<mark>2020</mark>
2.1.2	Communicate important Council and corporate decisions to staff	<mark>2019</mark>
2.1.3	Provide advance notice to staff highlighting the Town's position or actions being taken on emerging developments	2020
2.2.1	Create annual department communication	2020-2021

Action		Timeline
2.2.3	Provide training to identified staff for writing and delivering public information and preparing communication planning documents	2020
3.1.1	Regularly request direction from citizens regarding which channels they use to send and receive information	2019-2022
3.1.2	Secure larger turnouts during community consultations	<mark>2020</mark>
3.1.3	Promote the use of online civic engagement/social media for contributing citizen feedback and suggestions to the Town	<mark>2020</mark>
3.2.1	Improve how information concerning public processes and decision making is communicated and presented	2020
3.2.2	Promote sources of information where members of the public can learn more about local government	2019-2020
3.2.3	Build partnerships that supply information to new citizens and youth	2020
4.1.1	Establish an annual schedule of open house events that receive and convey information on popular or annual topics	2020-2021
4.1.2	Raise awareness of Town programs and initiatives by encouraging readership of social media postings	2019
4.1.3	Create "Project Ambassadors" for certain	2020-2021

plans	
Standardize common operational procedures for communicating the Town's message and receiving feedback from citizens	<mark>2020</mark>

	projects for the public to contact	
4.2.1	Whenever possible, use plain-language for all public messaging	2019-2022



# Town of Drumheller REQUEST FOR DIRECTION



TITLE:	Town of Drumheller App
DATE:	2019 June 17
PRESENTED BY:	Julia Fielding Communications Officer
ATTACHMENT:	Proposals from three companies

#### SUMMARY:

Currently residents and visitors get information of Town activities through the town's website and social media channels. If they would like to report a problem there is a "report a problem page" on our website. People also currently use direct messaging through social media as well as calling both general numbers and the emergency number. It was felt a Town App would be a great tool for information sharing. It was also hoped that it would increase connections with residents and improve knowledge of residents about what is happening in Drumheller.

In April and May 2019 investigations were carried out into various Apps for the Town of Drumheller. These included meetings and online presentations by four App providers. Here are outlines of these four companies and the Apps they produce. Here are the four Apps investigated so far:

#### **Voyent Alert!**

This is an App which creates alerts for residents. These are either emergency alerts for flood and so forth but we could also create municipal alerts for things such as snow clearing. It is very user friendly both for the end user and in the backend for creating the alerts. Users can set up important places so they can know if their child's school is evacuated for example. The choice of communications channels is flexible. Administrators can communicate with users via mobile apps, SMS, email and direct dial using text to speech conversion for land-line users. Administrators can create internal working groups to deal with issues and manage situations. It is able to send announcements for upcoming elections, town meetings, festivals, markets, parades, and sporting events.

There is not a reporting tool on this app which means residents cannot report issues such as potholes etc. However there is a "report a problem" area on the town's website which will be put in a more prominent spot with the new website design.

Wheatland County have been using Voyent for about a year <a href="https://www.wheatlandcounty.ca/voyentalert">https://www.wheatlandcounty.ca/voyentalert</a>

Here is a link to their site <a href="https://voyent-alert.com/ca/everyday-communications/">https://voyent-alert.com/ca/everyday-communications/</a>

#### See Click Fix

This is a reporting mobile App where residents can report issues such as potholes. It uses the phone's location device to locate and map issues. This can then link similar reports, from

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different users together. These issues would then be sent to the appropriate person. The complainant will get a report that the work is complete if they requested being informed. It maps issues to allow accurate monitoring.

It can be proactive and send out information regarding up-coming work such as street cleaning.

The County of Newell are using this ap. <a href="https://seeclickfix.com/can\_newell-county-no-4?locale=en">https://seeclickfix.com/can\_newell-county-no-4?locale=en</a>

Here is a link to their website https://seeclickfix.com/

#### **Civic Web- My City**

This comprehensive mobile App. The App will include the following features and functions: a People & Information module, Places & Classes module, City News; RSS feeds, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and photo albums, a calendar feed, and incident reporting Residents can create their own section called "MyReports" where they can monitor progress on the issue reporting.

The City of Abbotsford BC have used Civic web and here is a link to their app: <a href="https://www.abbotsford.ca/feedback/at\_abbotsford\_mobile\_app.htm">https://www.abbotsford.ca/feedback/at\_abbotsford\_mobile\_app.htm</a>

Here is a link to the company's website: <a href="http://mycitymobileapp.com/">http://mycitymobileapp.com/</a>

#### Info Grove (14 Oranges)

This is a fully integrated comprehensive App very similar to the civic web app. This will harvest all the info from our website including recreation schedules, and council meetings, if we wish it could also take payments. It has the capability to send out emergency messages, upcoming work such as road clearance and residents to log issues.

Some cities have the full app here you can see the town of Arnprior <a href="https://www.14oranges.com/town-of-arnprior/">https://www.14oranges.com/town-of-arnprior/</a>

or others like Lethbridge have one for getting active and their parks https://www.14oranges.com/city-of-lethbridge/

Here is a link to their website <a href="https://www.14oranges.com/">https://www.14oranges.com/</a>

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## A comparison chart of the four companies

Company	Price	Services	Notes
Civic Web	\$4,375 set up \$5,400 annual fee	<ul> <li>Council meetings</li> <li>Recreation schedules</li> <li>Calendars</li> <li>RSS feed</li> <li>Issue reporting</li> </ul>	This app encompasses all services offered by the town, an issue reporting section, a calendar and users can create "myReports" to monitor progress
Info Grove	\$15,000 set up \$1,250- \$5,000 annual fee (depending on Level)	<ul> <li>Council meetings</li> <li>Recreation schedules</li> <li>Issue reporting</li> <li>Upcoming events</li> </ul>	This app encompasses all services offered by the town, issue reporting and schedules
See Click Fix	\$4,800 annual fee	<ul> <li>Issue reporting</li> <li>Upcoming work such as street cleaning- can create emergency alerts as well</li> </ul>	This app is not as comprehensive as the above two.
Voyent Alert!	\$3,000 annual fee	<ul><li>Emergency alerts</li><li>Upcoming work notices</li></ul>	This was by far the best for emergency alerts and could work great for upcoming work and events.

# A matrix of what each company offers

Company	Issue reporting	Council meeting info	Emergency Alerts	Upcoming work notices	Upcoming Events	Recreation schedules
Civic Web	V	V	V	V	V	<b>√</b>
Info Grove	V	V	V	V	<b>V</b>	<b>√</b>
See Click Fix	1		√	√	V	
Voyent Alert			V	V	<b>√</b>	

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#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

InfoGrove is the most expensive but is a Canada company and is very comprehensive. Voyent Alerts! is the least expensive but does not include all elements. The financial impact is dependent on the decision of what is wanted in an App. \$15,000 was allocated in the Capital Budget for the creation of the Town App and \$7,500 allocated in the operating budget for the hosting and updating of the App.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council determine the main elements required of the town App and request administration to use these elements to create a RFP for companies to provide an App for the town of Drumheller.

#### STRATEGIC POLICY ALIGNMENT:

A Town App is one of the strategic priorities for council for 2019.

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# DRUMHELLER + SEECLICKFIX

Getting the most out of Public Services while

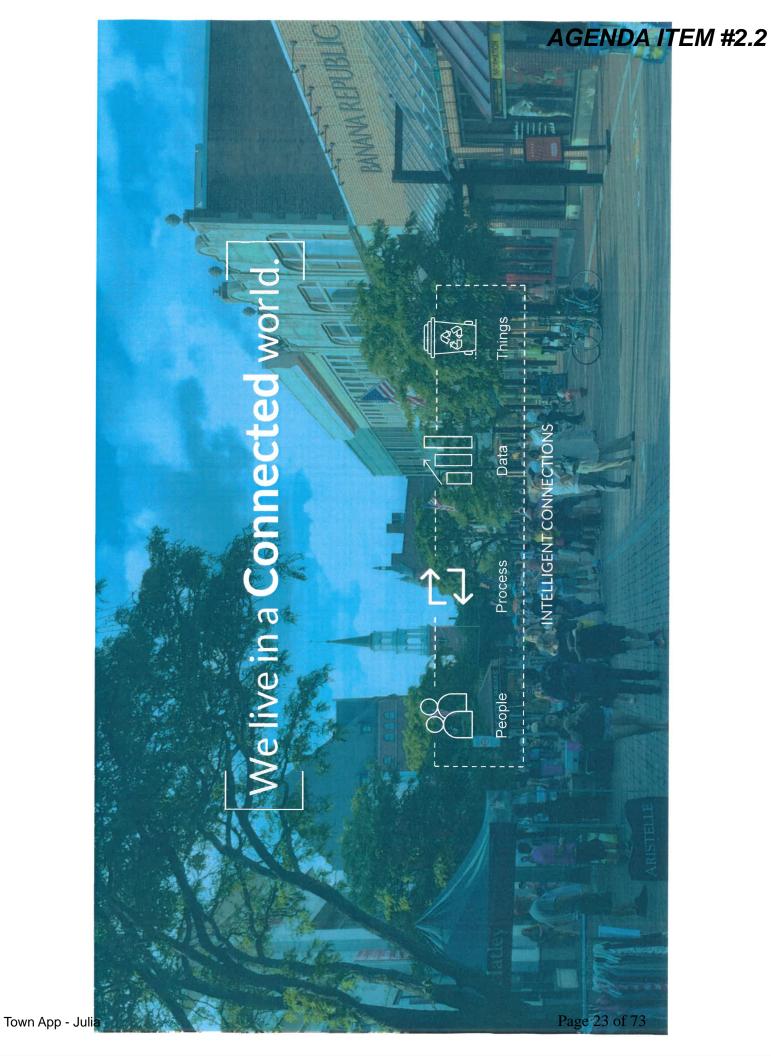
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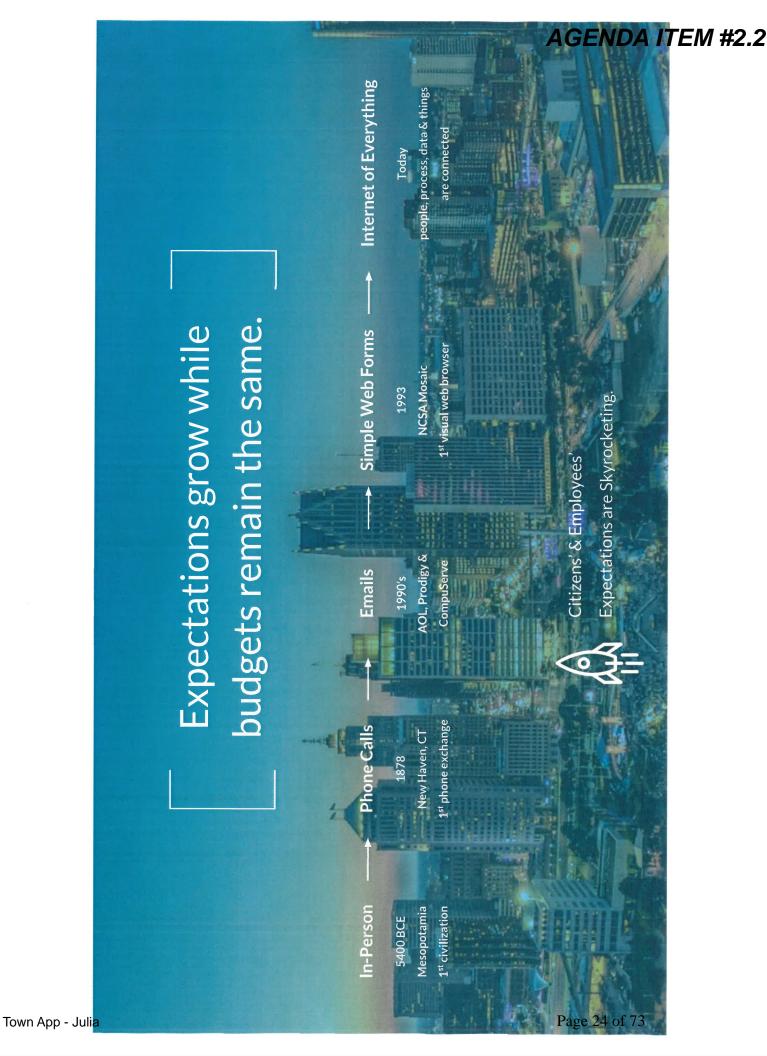
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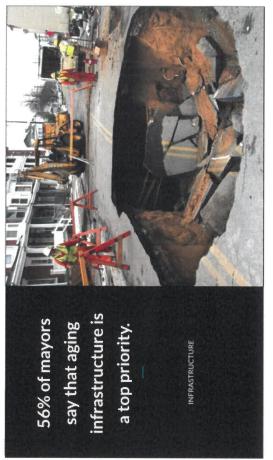
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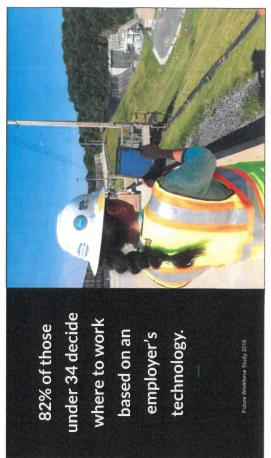


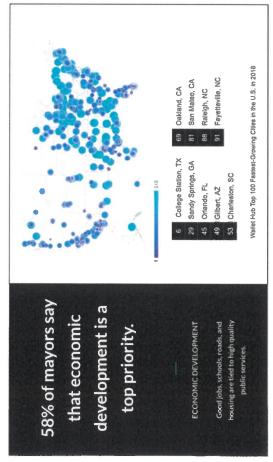
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SLIDE 6

# Citizen & Staff Public Service Experience

	TRADITIONAL EXPERIENCE	WITH SEECLICKFIX
Request Routing	Hit or Miss	Smart Request Assignment
Request Tracking (8)	None	Instant Feedback Loops
Work Management	Paper / Email based	Online Work Order Management
Operations	Invisible	Visible
311	Underutilized Call Takers	Web-based & Distributed
Public Service Data	Little to None - Mostly Opinions	Facts to Support Budget Requests
Staff and Resident Relationship	Unappreciated Staff and	Staff and Residents

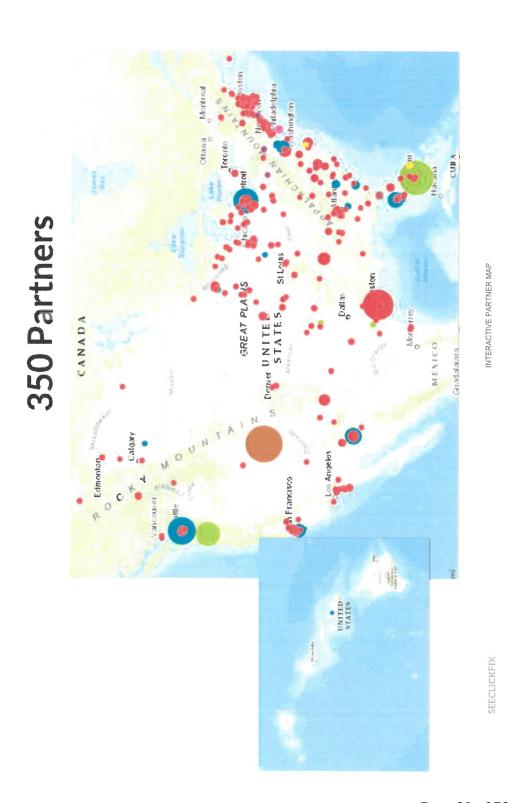
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# The best CRM is the one that gets used by local governments and their citizens.



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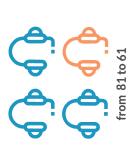


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to decrease hold times while coping with a The Houston, TX 311 Call Center needed 25% staff reduction.





34K TOUCHES PER EMPLOYEE IN 2016 26K TOUCHES PER EMPLOYEE IN 2011

130% ROI WITH SEECLICKFIX

252k fewer requests going to 311 STAFF

LIKE ADDING ANOTHER MEMBER TO THE TEAM

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Frank Carmody, Deputy Director of Operations, Administration

and Regulatory Affairs City of Houston, TX

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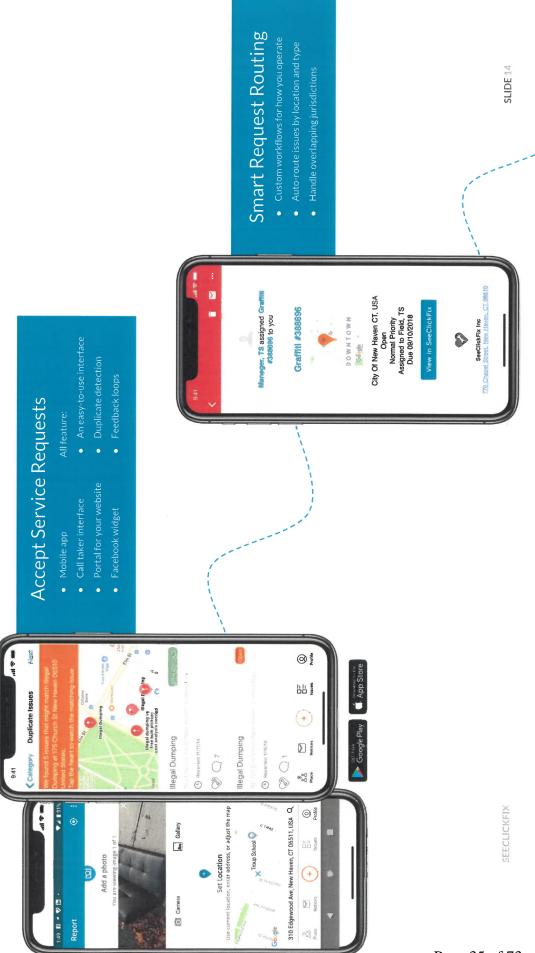
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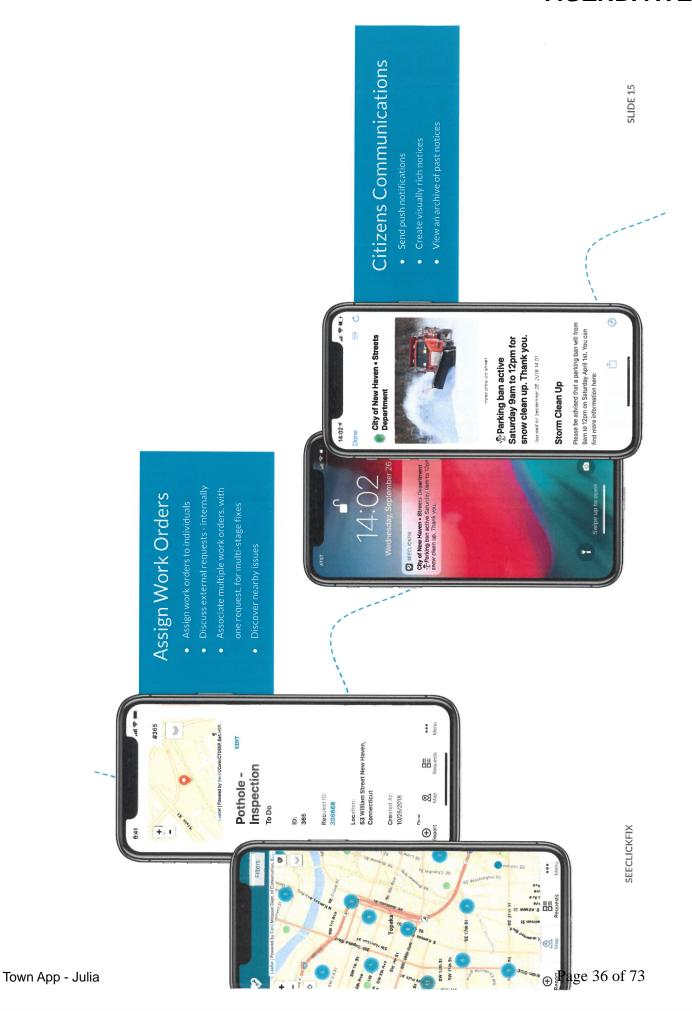
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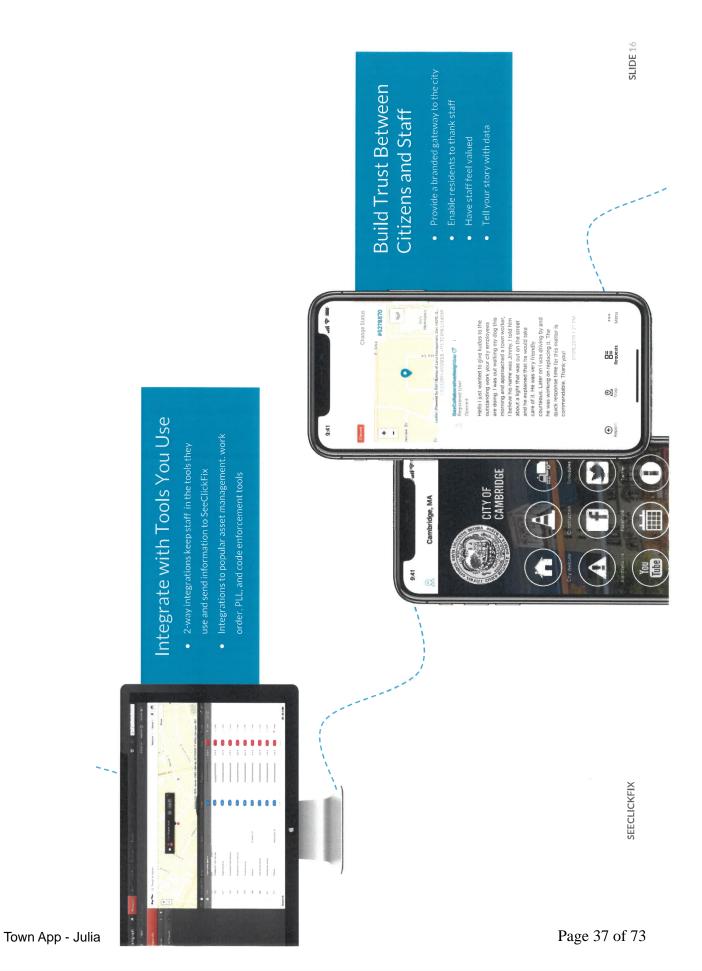
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### What's Included

### IN 8 WEEKS OR LESS **GET IMPLEMENTED**

engagement product, supported by outstanding staff - St Petersburg wouldn't use anything else!" "SCF is an excellent citizen

> Dedicated implementation and Turnkey implementation

Regularly scheduled check-in calls partnership managers

Comprehensive training

Knowledge base

### **ENHANCEMENTS** 100+ PARTNER INSPIRED

Regional workshops

IN 2018

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### Proposal for Town of Drumheller, Alberta

Written by Gerald Arksey at Civic LLC

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SECTION 1

### Introduction

### Software Solutions to Connect Your Community

We make technology and communication simple

We tailor your city's app based on your unique needs and branding, and implement quickly, in a pain-free, fully supported development and integration process in which we are partners in achieving the same goal – a more connected community that runs efficiently.

We understand that the unknowns may make the process seem daunting, but we are here to simplify it and to help you learn everything you need to know, providing ongoing support whenever you need us.

The Town of Drumheller has expressed to us a need for a improved workflows and better communication between staff members as well as a desire for increased citizen engagement.

### **Proposed Solution**

We have suggested implementing our comprehensive Work Management system with Staff App as well as deploying our custom branded citizen-facing mobile app and notifications system.

MyCivic has the solution you need to get you where you want to go.

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SECTION 2

### Your City App

### Your MyCity Custom Mobile App

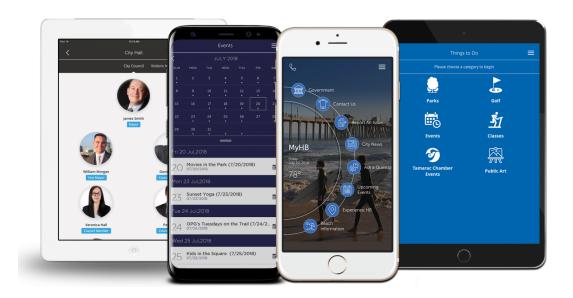
### **Project Scope**

This is a basic overview to communicate our understanding of the fundamental needs of this project. We propose to develop a mobile app that will work on iPhones, iPads, Android phones and tablets, operated from a simple web based Content Management System (CMS)

### The App will include the following features and functions at launch:

- -Custom Appearance
- -People & Information module(s)
- -Places & Classes module(s)
- -City News; RSS feeds, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and photo albums
- -Calendar feeds
- -Incident reporting In-app & web plugin
- -Citizen facing MyReports
- -Content Management System allowing dynamic content additions, changes, & updates

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SECTION 3

### Work Management

### **Work Management**

### 311 System

### **Project Scope**

We propose to implement a Work Management System that will be controlled from our web based Citizen Relationship Management (CRM), as well as accessible from our Staff App available on iPhones, iPads, Android devices.

### The Work Management System will include the following features:

-CRM (Customer

Relationship Management)

- -Staff App
- -Custom Workflows
- -Real-Time Updating
- -Custom Analytics & Reports
- -3rd Party Integration
- -Web plugins
- -Facebook plugins
- -Whole city mobile app

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**SECTION 4** 

### The Process

### The **Process**

So, you've seen our demonstration of what is possible and what is available to you. You've made the **smart** (city) decision to move **forward**. The total time of getting your app from proposal to the **App Store** is approximately 30-45 days. The process is outlined below.

### **First Look**

Within one week you will receive access to what we call the "First Look" app, with your city's information and branding already in place. This is a **test app** containing all of the features that we offer, developed and polished over the years as we've learned best practices through our experience and our client's feedback. You can go through the app, see how it functions, decide what you like, and make note of any changes that you want made.

### **Kick-off Meeting**

After having access to the First Look app and having the chance to test it out, we will have a **kick-off** meeting with our team and yours. This is where you give us **feedback** from using the test app, have any and all questions answered, and we lay out a **project roadmap** to move forward. We also ask that you submit your application to Apple for your **developer account** as soon as possible. We never want their approval process to be a reason for a delay of your launch! And don't worry, we will tell you exactly how to get your account set up.

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### **Weekly Call**

During this testing and building process, you will have a **weekly meeting** between our team and yours. This is the time that you can address any concerns or issues that have come up during development, and provide us with your feedback and **requests**.

### **Daily Email**

You will also receive a **daily email** from your project manager, **updating you** on what progress has been made in the last 24 hours, list out what is still outstanding from our side, as well as what we may be waiting on your team to deliver. Of course, you can respond to these emails with any questions or requests and we will attend to them immediately.

### **Go Live Marketing**

As we near the project completion and the go live date, we will address a **marketing strategy** with you. We will inform you of learned best practices, what has been effective for other cities and how to stretch your marketing dollars in the most efficient way possible. For example, you may choose to use the power of social media in the last weeks before launch to **build awareness and anticipation**, posting every couple of days about one of the features or benefits of using the app.

### Launch

Once everything is **complete** and you have given the okay to **launch**, we will submit your app to the app stores. It is usually a few hours to a day or two before they are actually **live**. We will receive notifications once the app is **available for download**.

### **Ongoing Support**

Our relationship doesn't end here. We actually think of this as just the

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beginning. As well as the maintenance and service of the software, we are here for you moving forward, to address any issues that come up or any questions you ever have. You can always reach out to your project manager via phone or email, connect with us via our live chat through our website, call our main business line at 714)786-6264 or email us at info@mycivicapps.com.

You did it! You're official! On your way to improved productivity and higher citizen engagement!

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SECTION 5

### References

### Our **References**

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This is what Matthew Norton, of The Town of Ajax, Ontario, Canada had to say:

"MyCivic not only offers a very affordable & quality app, regular updates, & additional features at no additional cost, they also give excellent customer service. If you haven't had a demo with them & are looking for a mobile reporting or municipal app, get in touch with them today!"

Matthew is the Digital Media Specialist in the Office of the CAO.

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### Your **Pricing**

000 SETUP Mobile App Project Management; Professional Services; Basic Integrations; Quality Assurance and Remote Training	\$4,375
001 ANNUAL MAINTENANCE Hosting, Maintenance & Updates	\$5,400 /year

One-off Total \$4,375

Annual Total \$5,400/year

Subsequent years will be billed on the anniversary date of the first yearly invoice.

How Much is **not** taking advantage of beneficial technology already costing you?

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**SECTION 7** 

### Our Guarantee

### Our **Guarantee**

### Here is our promise to you:

### THE 10 COMMITMENTS

- 1. Committed to putting people & product over profit
- 2. Committed to customer service
  - a. Solutions Consultant
  - b. Client Success Coordinator
  - c. Live Chat
  - d. Accessible CEO
- 3. Committed to fair pricing
- 4. Committed to listening to our client's needs and desires
- 5. Committed to taking responsibility for our mistakes
- 6. Committed to fixing our mistakes and bugs promptly
- 7. Committed to innovation
- 8. Committed to educating our clients & sharing best practices
- 9. Committed to security
- 10. Committed to our team

### We're committed to you

We want you to be happy. We want you to have the software you imagined, in a timely manner. We will do everything in our power to exceed your expectations, and if you're not happy, we will always make it right.

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# Mobile-First Citizen Communications for

Governments

**March 2019** 



# Government Engagement Challenges

- Changing demographic Millennials & Generation Z
- Need for a faster and simpler way to serve the public
- Changing technological landscape
- Back-end integration (legacy systems, cloud)
- Scarce resources & expertise
- Private vs. hosted public cloud services, Canadian & US Multiple content sources (internal, 3rd parties, regional)

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Need to maintain the digital channels expenses (website & mobile)









Simplify the deployment and applications for government to improve citizen service management of mobile

## Info Grove Vision

### nfo Grove





- Mobile-First Communication Service
  - Web CMS + Native Mobile Apps Modules = Building Blocks
    - Branded to Your Specification
- Rapid Deployment
- 3rd Party Integration
- Push Notifications **Custom Modules**
- Multiple Layout Options
- Available in English, French, and Spanish

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### Login from launch (private

Staging Server

Analytics

access)

Map Overlay

External Data Sources

Data Sources

**Local Access** 

Simple Form

**SMS Features** 

Voting/Survey

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Weather

Weather Canada

Content update notification

### -eatures

Contact List

Geofence and Beacon

Push Notifications

Slideshow on Startup

**Custom Fonts** 

Footer

**Dashboard Menu** 

Startup Questions

Payments

Self-Assessment

**Grid Menu** 

Schedule Sync Schedule List

**Locations List** 

Plain List

**PDF** List

**RSS Feed** 

Membership Card

**Location Links** 

Favourites

Content HTML

External URL

App Link

Youtube



Faster than a website

More convenient and accessible

Offline support

Better access to onboard services:

•GPS

Camera & Libraries

Contacts

Native Calendar

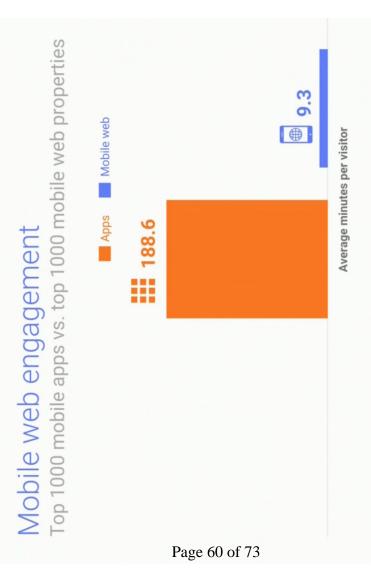
Bluetooth and NFC

Targeted push notifications Social media integrations

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Why an App?

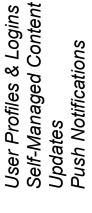
It is all about the engagement!!

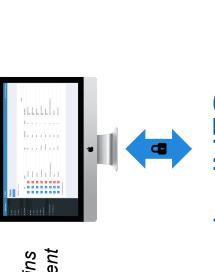


### AGENDA <mark>ITEM</mark> #2.2

## **System Overview**

**Content Management System** 





**Native Clients** 

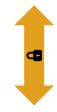


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3rd Party

RSS Newsfeeds Additional Web services CRM, ERP, Websites

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## Simple Content Management



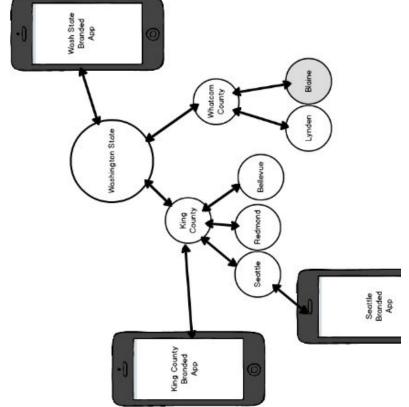
- Hosted content management system
- Manage multilingual content into the website/apps
  - Update text, pictures and links
- Very intuitive content management for the website/apps
- Manage multiple content authors for various levels the website/apps

# Co-ordinating Multiple Content Authors

Multiple government or departmental entities contributing official content

Mint one, or multiple apps with content

Delivers a unified set of information to citizens interest and location at their current of



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## Info Grove Applications

- Report-a-problem/ 311 services
- Road conditions / 511 services
- Government inspection services
- Part-time/full-time staff scheduling
- Public safety and emergency notifications
  - E-Health
- School contacts and notifications
  - Parks & recreation schedules
    - Parking locations
- Public transit schedules
- Neighbourhood watch and crime prevention
  - Recycling and garbage collection
- Festival and event applications

  Tourism and economic development
- Whistleblowing & fraud prevention
- Pet adoption and shelter management
- Election registration, notification and polling station lookup











Samples

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## Samples (continued)

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## About 14 Oranges

- Founded in 2009, based in Richmond, B.C.
- Bootstrapped firm; no external VC or investment
- Team mix of highly skilled developers, designers, graphic artists and entrepreneurs
- Acquired Delta Small Business Services in May 2014 adding additional web and server development skill sets
- Approach: Agile-based development, UI/UX Design principles
- Experience: iOS, Android, PhoneGap
- Folient Skills: C / C++ / Objective C / Swift / Java / HTML / HTML 5 / Java Script Server Skills: PHP / Python / Twitter / Bootstrap / Angular JS / Wordpress Selected for Wavefront Entrepreneurship Program 2011
- Named 2014 Small Business of the Year by Richmond Chamber of Commerce Named One of the Top 100 Most Profitable firms in BC in 2014
- Ranked as 2018 Western Canada Top Mobile App Development Company

# **Current Info Grove Customers**

















My OEA OHIO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION







Michigan Education Association

MEA

Manitoba Egg Farmers











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ARKANSAS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION



















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Questions?

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### **COUNCIL POLICY # C-02-19**

### Relief of Municipal Property Tax on Destructed Improvements

### 1.0 Policy Statement

1.1 Improvements that have been destroyed or rendered uninhabitable or unusable as a result of extenuating circumstances may be considered for relief against municipal taxes levied in the year of destruction.

The granting of municipal property tax relief is at the sole discretion of Council.

### 2.0 Purpose of Policy

2.1 The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance for Council when exercising its discretionary power under Section 347(1) of the Municipal Government Act in response to a request for the cancellation of property taxes as a result of the destruction of improvement(s); to ensure that requests for tax cancellation, reduction or refund are dealt with in a fair and consistent manner.

### 3.0 Policy Guiding Principles

- 3.1 Council will take into account the following guiding taxation principles whenever consideration for cancellation of municipal property tax is being given
  - Fairness and equity to taxpayers
  - Stability and predictability of revenue
  - Transparency, simplicity and efficiency
  - Accountability

### 4.0 Definitions

Throughout this Policy

- 4.1 "Act" means the Municipal Government Act RSA200, c M-26 as amended
- 4.2 "Council" means the council that has been elected to represent the citizens of the Town of Drumheller
- 4.3 "Municipal Tax Relief" means municipal tax relief under Section 347 of the Act and can include a cancellation, deferral, reduction or refund.
- 4.4 "Requisitions" includes but is not limited to, the Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF) and requisitions pursuant to ss 359, 359.1 and 359.2 of the *Act* and designated industrial property requisitions pursuant to s 359.3 of the *Act*

### 5.0 General

- 5.1 All requests for relief of municipal property tax must be submitted in writing to the Director of Corporate Services who will prepare and present a Request for Decision to Council.
- 5.2 All property types are eligible for municipal tax relief consideration against destructed improvements.
- 5.3 Properties under consideration for municipal tax relief remain subject to the due date as per the Notice of Assessment and Property Tax. Late penalty charges are not eligible for relief.

### 6 Property Tax Levy Cancellation, Reduction, Refund or Deferral

6.1 Section 347(1) of the *Act* provides that

If a council considers it equitable to do so, it may, generally or with respect to a particular taxable property or business, do one or more of the following, with or without conditions:

- a) cancel or reduce tax arrears;
- b) cancel or refund all or part of a tax;
- c) defer the collection of tax
- 6.2 Buildings and/or improvements that become uninhabitable, unusable or destroyed as a result of extenuating circumstances such as fire may be eligible for relief by way of municipal property tax levy cancellation. When considering a request for relief under this policy, Council will
  - a) restrict any cancellation of taxes granted to the municipal tax levy only. Affected property owners will remain responsible for all requisition portions of the tax bill
  - b) apply any consideration given to the assessed value of the building/improvement(s) only. Vacant land assessment will remain fully taxable
  - c) pro-rate any consideration granted due to extenuating circumstances from the date the damage occurred to the end of the taxation year, rounded to the nearest month, to a maximum of \$x,xxx

Date: June xx, 20	<u>)19</u>	
Chief Administrati	ive Officer	
Mayor of Drumhel	ler	