

News and Information from the City of Richmond

Richmond moving forward on Smart Cities vision

A safer community, improving service delivery for all citizens and bridging language barriers are key outcomes of the City of Richmond's Smart Cities Challenge proposal. Richmond is a finalist in the national competition, vying for a \$10 million prize.

The City's proposal is based around the creation of an Intelligent Operations Hub that will seamlessly integrate data and coordinate emergency response, while also enhancing day to day service delivery of key local services and public communications.

The public is encouraged to learn more about the Smart Cities Challenge and help shape Richmond's future by providing input on the City's proposal at LetsTalkRichmond.ca from now through Sunday, January 6.

"Richmond is excited to be a finalist in the Smart Cities Challenge," said Richmond Mayor Malcolm Brodie. "It is a great opportunity to make our community more resilient and improve quality of life for all residents. We will build upon our award-winning Digital Strategy and use the power of technology to make Richmond a truly Smart City."

The City's proposed Intelligent Operations Hub would link existing and new data streams and asset

management platforms across jurisdictions to effectively respond to incidents that could be as small as traffic congestion due to a rain event, or as big as a major earthquake. This initiative will enhance the daily lives of citizens, while improving community resilience to major events and protecting critical local and national infrastructure in Richmond. The proposal is aimed at achieving four key outcomes that will:

- protect a vulnerable island city;
- integrate citizen, infrastructure and emergency data and communication platforms;
- bridge language barriers; and
- create scalable mobility systems that enhance daily life and improve emergency response rates and recovery times.

The Smart Cities Challenge is a national competition that encourages communities to adopt a smart cities approach to improve the lives of their residents through innovation, data and connected technology.

More than 200 communities from across Canada submitted applications to the Smart Cities Challenge, which was created by the Government of Canada. An independent panel of 13 jurors assessed the proposals and



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20 finalists were announced on June 1, 2018. The final proposals are due in March 2019 and winners will be announced in spring 2019.

Richmond has formed a number of staff teams, who are working alongside a variety of external partners from other government agencies, First Nations and business and community partners, to prepare the City's final submission. A Smart Cities Advisory Committee with representatives from many of the partners has been formed to help guide this process.

Extensive community engagement

is also being undertaken to ensure the final proposal reflects the needs and interests of local residents and businesses, including the current public survey on LetsTalkRichmond.ca. Further public engagement activities are being planned for January and will be announced soon. To learn more about the proposal visit the project website at smartcity.richmond.ca.

For more information on the Challenge, visit the Infrastructure Canada (INFC) website: www.infrastructure.gc.ca/cities-villes/index-eng.html.

City of Richmond Council Meetings Calendar

Community Safety Committee

4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 11
Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

General Purposes Committee

4:00 p.m.
Monday, December 17
Anderson Room,
Richmond City Hall

Public Hearing

7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 17
Council Chambers,
Richmond City Hall

Planning Committee

4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 18
Anderson Room,
Richmond City Hall

Public Works & Transportation Committee

4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 19
Anderson Room,
Richmond City Hall

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee

4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 19
Anderson Room,
Richmond City Hall

Special Council Meeting

7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 19
Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall



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