



Memorandum

TO: Krista Power, Director – Legislative Services & City Clerk **FILE:**

FROM: Matt Pearson, Senior Advisor Growth Growth Department

DATE: 09/15/2025

SUBJECT: Smart Growth Action Plan – Update

MEETING & DATE: Growth Standing Committee - 09/23/2025

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Growth Standing Committee an update on the next steps for the Smart Growth Action Plan (Plan). A presentation will be provided.

Background

In June 2025, City Council received an update related to the work on the Smart Growth Action Plan. Since that time, Administration has continued working closely with Task Force Growth, Community Focus Groups, and other members of Administration to advance work on the Plan.

Information

As work on the Plan continues, the following timeline is provided for information:

- On October 21, 2025, Administration will share a draft of the Smart Growth Action Plan with City Council and release the Plan to the public via the Get Involved page on the City website. Various public engagement opportunities will take place through mid-November.
- On October 28, 2025, Administration will attend the Growth Standing Committee to answer questions and receive feedback on the draft Plan.

- On November 25, 2025, the Growth Standing Committee will receive an update with the results of public engagement as well as recommended revisions to the Plan,
- On December 2, 2025, Administration will present the final Plan and seek approval from City Council.

Public Engagement

City Council and the community will have the opportunity to further engage with Administration on the Smart Growth Action Plan from October through mid-November, 2025 through the following options:

- Reconnecting with already established focus groups
- Participating in a Town Hall open to the public (date to be announced shortly)
- Attending Thunder Bay Talks on October 22, 2025 at 6:00pm
- Visiting the Get Involved Page on the City Website (getinvolvedthunderbay.ca)
- Providing feedback via email at growth@thunderbay.ca

Everyone has a role to play in shaping the city's future, from contributing ideas and initiatives to supporting local efforts and being ambassadors for Thunder Bay. This staged approach aims to allow sufficient time and engagement channels for all – the Growth Standing Committee, City Council, and the community.