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## **Open Government**

Initiatives in the Clerk's Office

### **Open Government?**

- Open Government seeks to enhance the overall openness, transparency, accountability, and innovation within government.
- It also aims to improve the connection between citizens and their government, not only through increased participation, but also in finding solutions, supporting innovation, and driving economic development.



## **Open Government**





#### **Pillars**











Policy and Procedure Framework

Improve Access to Information Strengthening Collaborations and Partnerships

Education and Youth Outreach Increased
Opportunity for
Participation
and/or
Participatory
Democracy

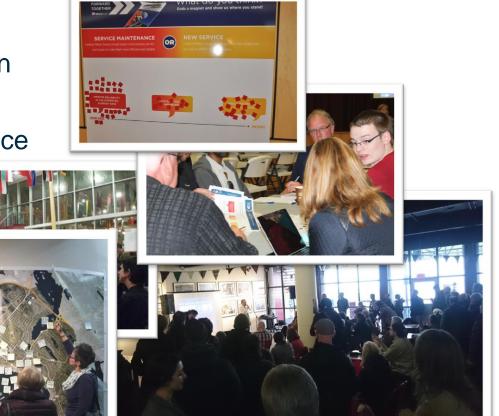


### **Best Practices**

Jurisdiction and Population	Name of Open Government movement	Key components
Toronto (6,129,900)	"Open Government" c. 2013	<ul><li>Toronto IM system</li><li>Open Data and the Wellbeing Portal</li></ul>
Guelph (153,000)	"Open Guelph" c. 2012	<ul><li>Civic Accelerator</li><li>Solution-based roundtables with stakeholders and public servants</li></ul>
Edmonton (1,363,300)	"Open City Initiative " c. 2014	<ul><li>Edmonton Insight Community</li><li>Data Analytics</li></ul>
Kingston (169,900)	"Open Government Kingston" c. 2015	<ul> <li>Open Government Week</li> <li>Youth Engagement Week</li> </ul>

### **HRM Open Government**

- Open Cities Index
- Apps4Halifax, Hackathon
- Centre Plan
- Improved HRM experience









### **Next Steps**

- Consult with Councillors
- Adjust policies and practices for greater openness
- Continue to work with Open Data team
- Release public education materials
- Refine and build Open Government frameworks

