Staff Report to Council – for Information

Title: Employment Services Mid-Year Update

From: Aaron Stauch, Director Government Relations

Date: January 23, 2025

Report Number: GR-2025-001

Report Purpose:

This report is for information.

Report Summary:

This report provides an information update on the results of the Employment Service System Manager (SSM) to the end of Quarter 2 (September 30, 2024). It also outlines continuous improvement efforts planned.

Background/Analysis:

The Counties of Bruce (lead), Grey, Huron, and the City of Stratford are the Employment Service System Manager (SSM), funded entirely by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development (MLITSD), for the Stratford – Bruce Peninsula Economic Region.

The role of the SSM is to build and implement a locally responsive employment services system that effectively meets the needs of a diverse range of job seekers and employers in the catchment area. Integrated Employment Services Delivery (IESD), the SSM newly designed system went live on April 1, 2023.

The attached report provides a semi-annual update to Council on the performance of the SSM, and updates on future work to be completed.

MLITSD extended the SSMs agreement for two years, now ending March 31, 2027.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

There are no financial, staffing, legal or IT considerations associated with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

There was no interdepartmental consultation required for this report.

Link to Strategic Goals and Objectives:

Community and Partnerships - Build a strong and inclusive community

Community and Partnerships - Enhance and grow partnerships

Link to Departmental Plan Goals and Objectives, if any:

No Applicable

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Departmental Approval:

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Attachments:

Attachment 1: Employment Services 2024 Mid-Year Update