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Southern Georgian Bay Region – the Power of 100,000 people



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Our Vision

Harness the power of people and place in Southern Georgian Bay to grow social, environmental, and economic prosperity and be the smartest, greenest, healthiest and most caring region in Ontario The path to prosperity is strengthened by connecting silos and tapping into collective knowledge, talent, and resources





The Institute is a connector and knowledge-sharing platform encouraging more collaboration among sectors across the region

Purpose

Connect and engage the talent and aspirations of all residents, and leaders in business, government, nonprofits, and philanthropy. We promote collaboration in five interconnected priority areas – arts and culture, social justice, the environment, business and social innovation, and health and wellbeing.

CONNECTING PEOPLE

Sharing community knowledge, engaging everyone, facilitating **Community Conversations**

CONDUCTING RESEARCH and SHARING KNOWLEDGE

Identifying **needs and opportunities** through research, sharing knowledge through reports, and identifying **community indicators for measuring progress** and success

FOSTERING COLLABORATION

Collaborating on initiatives and solutions that align with our vision

Alignment of Objectives and Multi-Sector Partnerships

Our 2022 workplan is inspired by and builds upon:

2020 Mapping Our Road to Recovery online community conversations

2020/2021 UN Habitat in Towns: Collingwood World Summits – we focus on four resolution items including: Affordable Housing, Environmental Challenges, Connecting Innovative Towns and Innovation Districts and related pilot projects.

2021 *Our Sustainable Future* online multi-sector discussion series

2021/2022 Social Finance & Housing Group biweekly learning sessions

2022 National Housing Lab participation with Social Innovation Canada and CMHC

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2022 Programming

- Create a new collaborative online discussion series called Local Sustainable Economies: feature CAOs on Sustainable Communities, Affordable Housing Data Reports, New Directions for Business, Role of Arts & Culture in Local Economies, the Green Economy, and Philanthropic Multi-Sector Partnerships
- Map-out and showcase Social Enterprises in Southern Georgian Bay and nurture more
- Conduct a **feasibility study** for a **Green Economy Hub**
- Partner on the **expansion** of the **Carbon Footprint Challenge** across the region
- Support a regional forum for artists and arts organizations
- Participate in the National Housing Lab hosted by Social Innovation Canada and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation exploring how Social Finance can help
- Showcase municipal levers to accelerate progress on affordable housing and explore a community investment fund to support the kind of housing we most urgently need
- Partner on pilot projects coming out of the UN Habitat in Towns: Collingwood World Summits by aligning our programming and projects
- Identify **community indicators** to track progress



SUSTAINABLE GEALS



https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/agenda-2030.html

Request for partnership support

Compelled by the growing issues and opportunities surfacing through the pandemic, we will focus on building collaborative efforts towards a sustainable future for generations to come.

If not now, when?

We request \$5,000 in partnership support for our 2022 programming, which will match the Institute's financial investment. The benefits for residents include: community engagement and free access to a unique regional discussion platform, knowledge-sharing of best practices in other jurisdictions, sharing resources on collaborative projects for greater impact, and accelerating progress on our collective issues.

Thank you for your consideration of creating a better future for all, together.