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Open Government

Initiatives in the Clerk's Office

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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



Open Data



Open Information



Engagement and Participation



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 style="list-style-type: none">• Toronto IM system• Open Data and the Wellbeing Portal
Guelph (153,000)	“Open Guelph” c. 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Civic Accelerator• Solution-based roundtables with stakeholders and public servants
Edmonton (1,363,300)	“Open City Initiative ” c. 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Edmonton Insight Community• Data Analytics
Kingston (169,900)	“Open Government Kingston” c. 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Government Week• Youth Engagement Week

HRM Open Government

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



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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