

## How do I start a MiC Local?



### Why – would I start one?

- to enable the sharing of information about municipal innovation across Canada
- learning from people who are making things happen
- network and connect
- Check out [MiC's Value Promise](#)

### Ideas on how to get started:

- 1) Find some friends (2-3), some colleagues in your area that are interested in learning together – starting a *community* of practice
- 2) Identify other people that might be interested in joining you and start a list with contact information
  - Idea: Check on the MiC website to see who is registered as a [member](#) in your region.
- 3) Define the topic of the first learning session and identify who will facilitate it
- 4) Decided on a date / time / location to meet
  - Note: we estimated 20 people will attend and had 25 interested so our room was not big enough
- 5) Draft an agenda
  - a. Suggestion - in the first meeting talk about:
    - i. MiC
      1. What is MiC?
        - a. [MiC's Value Promise](#)  
Also check out this "[Promoting MiC Local 2020](#)"
      2. Who is MiC?
        - a. You and me and .... Dana from Barrie, and Lisa from Calgary, and..... (see [Steering Committee profiles](#) for some ideas)
      3. Options for learning
        - a. Be part of this MiC Local
        - b. [Register as a MiC Member](#)
        - c. Subscribe and contribute to the [newsletter](#)
        - d. Attend an [annual conference](#)
      - ii. Ice Breaker
      - iii. What is a [Community of Practice](#)?
      - iv. What the purpose of this community of practice will be (innovation, continuous improvement, ...)?
      - v. Discuss COP logistics
        1. Who will host the last one?
        2. What will the next learning session be?
        3. Who else should we invite?
        4. Are there any barriers / challenges?
        5. Should we repeat the same agenda?
- 6) Confirm the host and learning topic for the next meeting
- 7) Email out an invite

- 8) Host the first meeting
- 9) Post learning and logistics for the next session on the MiC website under [MiC Local](#)
- 10) ..... and now the ball is rolling, the host and learning session are identified so rinse and repeat starting at step 5)

Tips:

- Breakout session in the afternoon to maximize learning and travel time
- Sometimes the initial 2-3 people need to step in to keep the ball rolling
- Check out the MiC website for learning session ideas
- Contact me (Alison Martens, [amartens@abbotsford.ca](mailto:amartens@abbotsford.ca) ) or another MiC Steering Committee member if you have any question or need ideas