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Mount Pearl Adds International Bench Strength to Support A1Next

Memorandum of Cooperation signed between the City of Mount Pearl and ERNACT

MOUNT PEARL, NL – On May 18, 2018, the City of Mount Pearl signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with ERNACT (www.ernact.eu), the European Regions Network for the Application of Communications Technology in Derry, Northern Ireland.

ERNACT is an organization that brings together nine countries and implements innovative digital-age projects to improve their member regions' digital needs. They capture opportunities by designing cooperative projects and initiatives that recognize the global and interconnected nature of today's digital world.

"Technology knows no borders," said Mayor Dave Aker. "This partnership opens up the door to global collaboration in the pursuit of innovation. We are excited to work together with ERNACT to share approaches, experiences and expertise to help us embark on our digital transformation process. For the past 25 years ERNACT has done impressive work in the areas of smart cities and digital transformation and they will be a key partner for advancement of our Smart Cities Challenge proposal, A1Next."

The Smart Cities Challenge is a national competition that challenges communities to think outside the box and generate big, bold ideas to improve the lives of their residents through innovation, data and connected technology. The City of Mount Pearl proposal, branded A1Next, is focused on the establishment of a Technology Sandbox to attract and retain the best minds and the brightest companies in the province, across the country, and around the world.

"The future of Mount Pearl is bright, and technology is a driving force of our plans for growth. This is just the beginning of our work with ERNACT to find logical connections and explore the projects that could be a potential fit for the City, both for our internal digital transformation efforts and for our A1Next initiative." said Mayor Aker. "This collaboration will help us identify and respond to rapidly evolving innovation trends and remain a progressive, independent city."

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