

Racine County Intergovernmental Cooperation Council

Background and Invitation

Racine Common Council

May 19, 2022



Recent Highlights

December 16, 2021: Reception at the Johnson Foundation

February 9, 2022: Heads of Government Meeting

February 11, 2022: 1st Municipality Approval (Norway)

April 14, 2022: 16th Municipality Approval (Wind Point)

May 19, 2022: Racine Common Council COW Presentation

Intergovernmental Cooperation Councils (ICCs)

What are they?

Why here?

Why your input and involvement matters?

What are ICCCs?

Elected Leaders

within a defined region
from neighboring municipalities/governments that formally or
informally gather

Respectful Forum

for intergovernmental
dialogue to address common issues, pertinent pending
legislation, successes and challenges and explore
opportunities for collaboration

Why Here?

Need identified by Resilient Communities Roundtable members:

- *Top elected officials and administrators*
- *Business leaders*
- *Education leaders*
- *Funders*

Proven *high value* in other communities

Successful ICCs

Milwaukee Intergovernmental Cooperation Council (ICC)

Colorado Metro Mayors Caucus, Denver, CO

Congress of Neighboring Communities (CONNECT), Pittsburgh, PA

Tompkins County Council of Governments (TCCOG), Ithaca, NY

Department of Regional Collaboration, Cuyahoga County, OH

Milwaukee ICC

Formal organization based on state statute and resultant bylaws

Voluntary membership of all 19 municipalities whose highest elected officials take participation in the ICC seriously

Formal review responsibilities for new and ongoing countywide service sharing agreements

Recommendations for countywide board appointments

Milwaukee ICC: Recent “Big Wins”

Health Department Collaborative

Pandemic emergency meetings

Dark store legislation

Countywide radio agreement

Ongoing fruitful discussions and info sharing

Our Invitation

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Racine County **Intergovernmental Cooperation Council**



RCICCC Purpose and Value

Respectful forum for intergovernmental dialogue

- *Common issues and best practices*
- *Pending legislation*
- *Successes and challenges*
- *Opportunities for collaboration*

Review new and ongoing service sharing efforts

Invite local initiatives, organizations and legislators, as applicable

To bridge the East-West divide

Membership

Elected Leadership:

- 2 Cities: Racine and Burlington
- 11 Villages: Caledonia, Elmwood Park, Mount Pleasant, North Bay, Raymond, Rochester, Sturtevant, Union Grove, Waterford, Wind Point, Yorkville
- 4 Towns: Burlington, Dover, Norway, Waterford

Alternative Members (if primary members are unable to attend):

Administrators, clerks or appointed designee

Structure

RCICC Member-Elected Roles (May to May; 1- year terms):

- ***Chairperson*** *: Create monthly agenda, invite speakers and presentations, and convene and run meetings
- ***Vice-Chairperson***: Run meeting in lieu of Chair
- ***Secretary*** *: Administrative duties include agenda, invitations to members and guest speakers, minutes, etc.
- ***Treasurer***: Maintain and report on budget and other duties
- * Milwaukee ICC's Chairman is also the Secretary

**Recommendation: County provides staff person for Secretary/
administrative tasks**

Meeting Frequency & Location

Bimonthly

Same day and time

Move around the County or central location

Revisit meeting frequency after first year

Funding

Nominal membership fee options

- **Flat fee** per year for all member municipalities
- **Sliding scale**, tiered fee structure based on size, population or other criteria

Transparency

Open to public and media

Publicly noticed

***Meeting date/time/location, agenda and minutes
posted on Racine County website***

<https://www.racinecounty.com/departments/racine-county-intergovernmental-cooperation-council>



Process for Agenda/Priority Setting

Agenda compiled by Chairman

Updates, speakers or presentations scheduled as suggested by individual municipalities, programs or organizations

Recurring agenda items

- Shared contracts
- Legislation
- Updates from RCICC members on subjects

Roundtable

Other agenda items addressed as needed

RCICC Organizational Meeting

Thursday, May 26, 2022

3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

SC Johnson IMET Center, Gateway

- *Discussion and/or Election of new ICC Chair and Officers*
- *Discussion of Structure and Possible Adoption of Bylaws*
- *Items for Future Meetings*
- *Schedule Next Meeting for August 2022*

Discussion & Questions