

# Raymond Intelligent Community Strategy 2017-2026

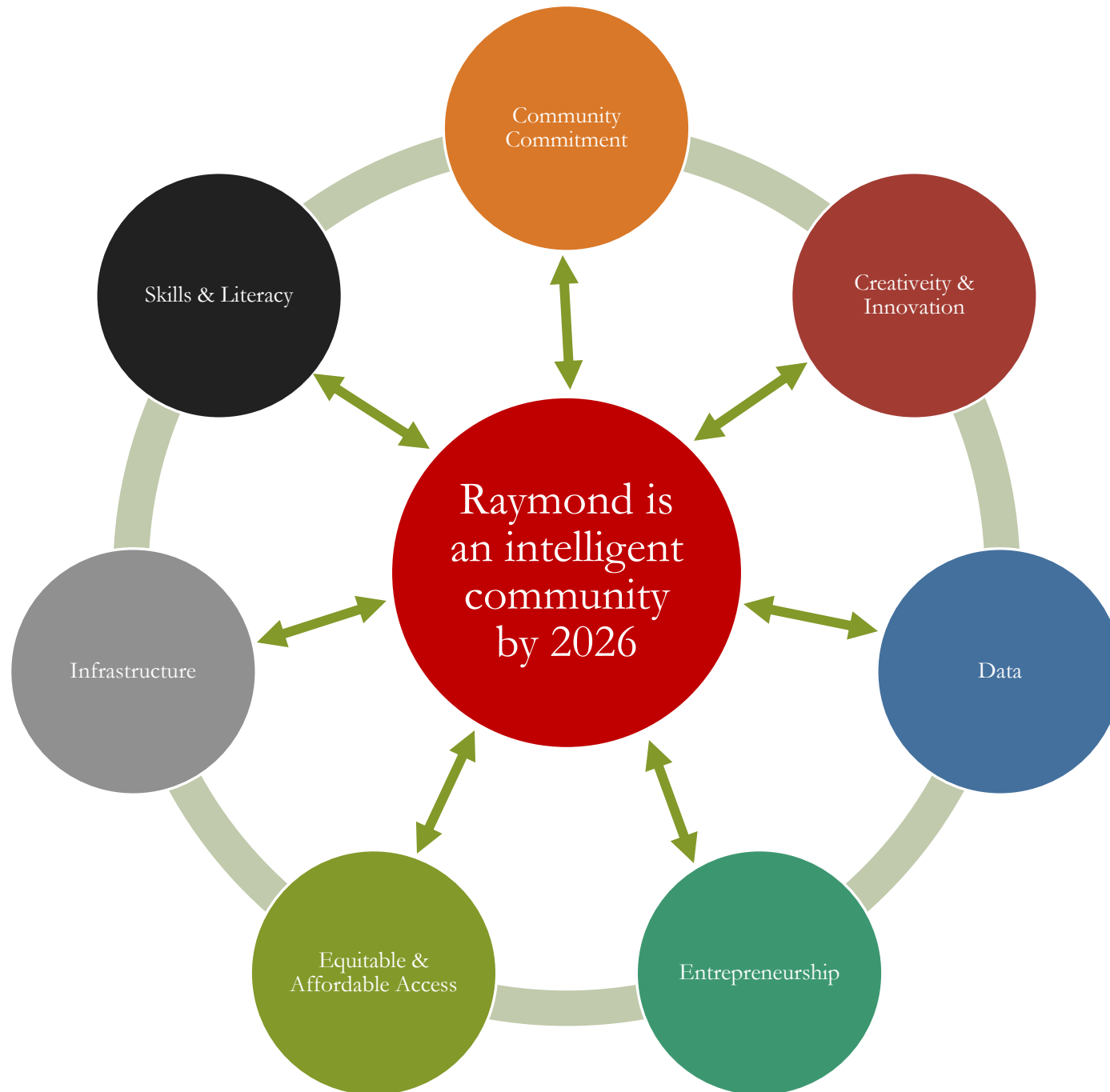
Did you know that there are 145 communities around the world who have been recognized by the Intelligent Community Forum?

Intelligent Communities are places that have recognized the opportunities and challenges created by Information Technologies and have taken conscious steps to create an economy capable of prospering in the 21st century. The Intelligent Community model is based on six pillars that provide framework for collective discussion, understanding and action around community-driven priorities that are enabled through broadband capacity and technology.

We are currently working on a draft strategy that has been developed and will be brought to various user groups for input, feedback and buy in. This is the beginning of a continual journey as we will be continually adapting, evolving and responding to trends as they become the expectation of 21<sup>st</sup> century connected communities! Our goal is to be recognized as an Intelligent Community (if not officially) by 2026.



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## Community Commitment

1. Broadly communicate the intelligent community vision.
2. Design and deliver a communication program to inform the community.
3. Ensure cross-sector partnerships are created.
4. Define, track and communicate details and results of projects and investments as they are achieved.
5. Ensure access and availability of intelligent community resources are available to all demographics within our community.

## Creativity & Innovation

1. Develop and implement “Creative Spaces” for community participation.
2. Enable creativity and innovation within Town administration.
3. Craft legislation that supports and not inhibits creativity and innovation.
4. Create a “Makerspace” location within Raymond.

## Data

1. Create, tabulate and make available municipal data sets for public use.
2. Ensure easy access to information within FOIP guidelines.
3. Work with other organizations and establish additional data sets for public use.
4. Ensure data is available at little to no cost.

## Entrepreneurship

1. Evaluate and improve the external environment for doing business with the Town.
2. Establish a “Raymond Biz-Nest” Hub, Tecconnect or small business incubator to provide affordable space and resources for home grown or relocated start-ups.
3. Inventory and promote sources of investment funds, including Community Futures.
4. Enhance medical services available due to innovative treatment mediums

## Equitable & Affordable Access

1. Access is provided for people of all ages and economic circumstances.
2. Distribute surplus computers to community members through charitable organizations.
3. Provide free WiFi and computer access in public places and community spaces.

## Infrastructure

1. Advocate for the renegotiation of the SuperNet agreement to be more equitable.
2. Improve wireless connectivity in the Town.
3. Capitalize on existing strong hubs.
4. Connect Raymond homes that are not connected.
5. Advocate for increased network speed and capacity.
6. Advocate for cost/profit sharing in infrastructure development.

## Skills & Literacy

1. Monitor and learn from other Intelligent Communities
2. Create community learning spaces.
3. Monitor emerging an evolving technologies and provide relevant skills training.
4. Develop and resource a technology mentoring program.
5. Develop and deliver community orientations on understanding and mitigating online risks.

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How do we get there?

1. Have Council authorize the formation of the Intelligent Community Committee (ICC), which would act as an operational, interagency committee for the Town of Raymond.
2. Membership will consist of the 2 members of Town Council, 2 members of Town administration, 2 representatives from the Health sector, 2 representatives from the Education sector, 2 representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and 2 members of the public at large.
3. Have the ICC finalize the strategy and bring to Council for ratification.
4. Meet at least quarterly or as needed to achieve the goals of the Intelligent Community Strategy.
5. Have Council allocate funding (\$10,000) on an annual basis to achieve smaller objectives. Submit to Council proposals of larger initiatives to work on each year. Grow organically to achieve the objectives outlined in the ICS document.
6. Work to leverage this funding with other funding mechanisms to allow us to do more with less.
7. Provide annual report to Council on the work carried out by the ICC and the objectives met to ensure accountability to Council and our ratepayers.
8. Goal is to be recognized as an Intelligent Community by 2026. If not officially, by the Intelligent Community Forum, then by achieving and providing our residents and guests with the amenities and benefits that come from living within an Intelligent Community.

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