

Town honoured with platinum certification from World Council on City Data

Caledon joins over 100 cities around the world who have received the honour

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Caledon's commitment to data management has earned it an award.

On July 11, the Town of Caledon was recognized with platinum-level certification from the World Council on City Data (WCCD). Specifically, the Town received this recognition for its implementation of ISO 37120 (Indicators for Sustainable Cities) standards in 2022.

The WCCD was founded in Canada in 2014, and, according to its website, its goal is to help cities and communities of all sizes globally embrace ISO standardized, independently verified, and globally comparable city data to make data driven decisions.

It says this will help cities become more sustainable, prosperous, inclusive and smart, among other factors. ISO stands for the International Organization for Standardization, which creates standards on city data.

Implementing ISO 37120 standards means Caledon can compare its economic, environmental, and social data against other cities around the world to see how it stacks up.

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves said receiving the platinum certification is a testament to Caledon's commitment to being a great place to live, work, and play.

"This certification means we can make data-driven decisions and measure our progress against global benchmarks," said Groves.

According to the Town, the platinum recognition means that "Caledon's data, specific to sustainability and quality of life benchmarks, is of the highest quality."

Dr. Patricia McCarney, CEO of the WCCD, extended her congratulations to the Town for its achievement.

"This well-deserved recognition highlights the Town's exceptional commitment to delivering data of the highest quality," said McCarney. "The certification not only acknowledges the Town of Caledon's exceptional data reporting but also underscores their dedication to transparency, inclusivity, sustainability, and exceptional service delivery for residents."