You see Uber, Airbnb, and community gardens. We see municipalities on the front lines of the sharing economy.

Guelph is home to many social economy initiatives that allow people to share resources — like bike sharing programs, shared commercial kitchens, and community-supported agriculture. The sharing economy creates many benefits, but also brings a set of unique challenges that the municipal government must navigate. University of Guelph researchers worked with the Guelph Lab and the City of Guelph to outline these benefits and challenges and demonstrate how staff are interacting with the sharing economy. This work supports municipal staff as they design programs and review their policies and bylaws related to social economy activities.

MUNICIPAL STAFF NEED SUPPORT TO NAVIGATE THE SHARING ECONOMY