



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Committee of the Whole

From: Malcolm Hunt, Director of Planning and Development Services

Meeting Date: September 21, 2015

Subject: Report PLHD15-010
Housing is Fundamental 2015 – Information Report

Purpose

A report providing information to the Committee of the Whole regarding “*Housing is Fundamental*” 2015, the Affordable Housing Action Committee’s annual publication.

Recommendation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report PLHD15-010 dated September 21, 2015, of the Director of Planning and Development Services, as follows:

That the *Housing is Fundamental* 2015 report of the Affordable Housing Action Committee (AHAC) be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budget and financial implications arising from this recommendation.

Background

This is the tenth consecutive year of publication of *Housing is Fundamental* (HIF) by the Affordable Housing Action Committee (AHAC). It is prepared by the Community Education Sub-Committee of AHAC, which researches issues affecting affordable housing.

Distribution Plan

The *Housing is Fundamental* 2015 report is available on the City of Peterborough's website at www.peterborough.ca/housing. A mailout distribution is now underway.

The distribution list contains about 250 names from:

- Members of Peterborough City, County and Township Councils;
- Other municipal Housing Service Managers;
- Local community groups and agencies; and
- Many other stakeholders.

Recommendations

Recommendations from AHAC for the City, County and Community to consider have been included in previous editions of *Housing is Fundamental*. Marking the 10th year of consecutive publication, this year's recommendations will be developed collaboratively in response to the extensive information that is included in the HIF report. The process of providing the report to the greater community, gathering input and building the recommendations as a larger group will help to meet the objectives in AHAC's work plan. AHAC members involved in the Consultation Working Group will summarize their findings and make recommendations to the Joint Services Steering Committee in early 2016.

The Affordable Housing Action Committee will continue in its advisory role to Joint Services Steering Committee and as a "community sounding board" for Peterborough's 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan ("Plan"). AHAC's *Housing is Fundamental* reports and the City's Progress Reports on the Plan will provide local data every year. These reports are intended to help set the context for programs and policies to continue to meet the needs of City and County residents.

This report was presented to the Joint Services Steering Committee on September 10, 2015 as Report Number PLHDJSSC15-004 and the recommendation was endorsed.

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Attachments:

Appendix A – *Housing is Fundamental* 2015