



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Committee of the Whole

From: Jeffrey Humble, Director, Planning and Development Services

Meeting Date: November 6, 2017

Subject: Report PLHD17-006
Housing is Fundamental 2017

Purpose

A report to provide the 2017 “Housing is Fundamental” report from the City-County Affordable Housing Action Committee (AHAC).

Recommendation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report PLHD17-006, dated November 6, 2017, of the Director, Planning and Development Services, as follows:

That the 2017 edition of the Affordable Housing Action Committee’s “Housing is Fundamental” publication be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

Housing is Fundamental is prepared by volunteers of the Affordable Housing Action Committee’s “Community Education Sub-Committee”. This is the twelfth consecutive year of publication.

Each year the Housing is Fundamental document is posted on the City of Peterborough’s website at www.peterborough.ca/housing. A mail out distribution will begin in November 2017. The distribution list of approximately 250 includes:

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

Highlights

The Housing is Fundamental 2017 report includes statistics, recommendations and custom calculations, and snapshots from other communities. Some highlights are listed below:

- Vacancy rate decreased to 1%. This is the percentage of rental stock that is available for new tenants to rent. A “healthy” vacancy rate is around 4-5%.
- Official Plan updates in both the City and the County of Peterborough are underway. AHAC wants to ensure that safe and affordable housing are included in the Official Plan vision for Peterborough.
- Housing Perceptions Survey. The purpose of the survey was to ascertain the significance of housing in individuals’ lives. There were 626 respondents to the questionnaire.

AHAC and City staff are working together to better align the work of advisory committees to support the work of the 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan (the Plan). This committee re-structuring will be part of the 5-year review of the Plan, which will occur in 2018. AHAC’s “Housing is Fundamental” report and the City’s “10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan Progress Report” provide local data that helps inform programs and policies to meet the needs of City and County residents.

This report was provided to the Joint Services Steering Committee for information through Report PLHD17-002, dated October 26, 2017.

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Appendix A – Housing is Fundamental 2017