



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Joint Services Steering Committee

From: Malcolm Hunt, Director of Planning and Development Services

Meeting Date: June 9, 2016

Subject: Report PLHDJSSC16-002
Peterborough's 10-year Housing and Homelessness
Plan: Progress Report 2015

Purpose

A report to present the Progress Report 2015 for Peterborough's 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan.

Recommendations

That Joint Services Steering Committee endorse the recommendation outlined in Report PLHDJSSC16-002 dated June 9, 2016, of the Director of Planning and Development Services, as follows:

- a) That the 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan Progress Report 2015 presentation be received for information; and
- b) That Appendix A, being the 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan Progress Report 2015, be received.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budget or financial implications as a result of this report.

Background

The Housing Services Act, 2011, requires the City of Peterborough, in its role as Service Manager, to have a 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan, and to report annually on the progress made towards targets included in the plan. The City of Peterborough's 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan (Plan) was launched in 2014.

The Progress Report 2015, attached as Appendix A, highlights key accomplishments under nine of the 20 commitments set out in the Plan, ranging from engaging people who use housing and homelessness support services to helping developers plan and complete new affordable rental housing developments.

Staff will be in attendance at the June 9, 2016 Joint Services Steering Committee meeting to provide a brief overview of the Progress Report 2015.

Highlights

The Progress Report highlights progress made in 2015 including:

- Eight people who were chronically homeless moved into permanent housing with supports through the new Housing First program;
- 35 low- and moderate-income households got help to repair their home or move from rental to homeownership;
- 43 units of affordable housing were developed;
- A collaboration between John Howard Society, Peterborough Housing Corporation and Peterborough Police piloted a Community Mediation program; and
- 134 people who were at risk of homelessness were helped by the Homelessness Coordinated Response Team.

Priority Actions for 2016

Key priorities for 2016 are outlined on page 10 of Appendix A, and include:

- Working with the Planning Division to develop a by-law that will provide for the development of secondary suites;
- Continuing to provide Homeownership assistance and Peterborough Renovates loans and grants;
- Developing a Strategic Plan for Social Housing through the end of operating agreements, mortgages and debentures;
- Building on the successes of the Housing First program; and
- Redeveloping the Brock Mission men's shelter to include 15 single-room occupancy units.

Consultation and collaboration

A number of stakeholders were involved in the production of the Progress Report 2015, including staff from City, County and Townships, Social Services and Housing Divisions, as well as committees of stakeholders. The Homelessness Support Services Coordinating Committee, the Housing and Homelessness Plan Project Team, and the Affordable Housing Action Committee (AHAC) all guided the production of the Progress Report. AHAC endorsed the Progress Report 2015 at their May 12, 2016 meeting.

Distribution

The Progress Report 2015 will be available to the public through the City website, and presented to AHAC, the Homelessness Support Services Coordinating Committee, and submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing through the Eastern Municipal Services Office.

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Attachments:

Appendix A – 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan Progress Report 2015