



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Joint Services Steering Committee

FROM: Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services

MEETING DATE: October 10, 2013

SUBJECT: Report CSSSJSSC13-011
Report from the Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network

PURPOSE

A report to provide the Joint Services Steering Committee with a presentation and a Position Paper by the Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network (PPRN).

RECOMMENDATION

That Joint Services approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSSSJSSC13-011 dated October 10, 2013, of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

That the report "Impacts of Reductions to Discretionary and Emergency Housing Benefits in Peterborough-2013" and a presentation from the Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network (PPRN) be received for information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget or financial implications resulting from the approval of the recommendation in this report.

BACKGROUND

As a result of the Provincial Budget, changes to the Discretionary Benefits policy were made effective in May 2013. Also the Community Start Up and Maintenance benefit was eliminated effective January 2013. The Housing Stability Fund has been provided locally in 2013, funded through a combination of the Provincial Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing one-time grant from the Ministry of Community and Social Services and municipal dollars.

The Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network (PPRN) is made up of more than 60 agencies and dozens of individuals working together to reduce poverty in Peterborough City and County. The Network was established in 2006. During the summer of 2013, the PPRN conducted surveys of local agencies and individuals and is presenting a view of the resulting impact of these changes.

City staff will review the information provided in the position paper and will be prepared to discuss during the Joint Services Steering Committee deliberations of this report.

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Attachments:

Appendix A -

Impacts of Reductions to Discretionary and Emergency Housing
Benefits in Peterborough