



City of  
**Peterborough**

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**To:** Members of the General Committee

**From:** Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner of Community Services

**Meeting Date:** October 15, 2019

**Subject:** Report CSSS19-013  
Terms of Reference for the Housing Action Task Force Working Group

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## **Purpose**

A report to respond to Council's September 23, 2019 direction to report back with the Terms of Reference for the Housing Action Task Force Working Group for approval.

## **Recommendation**

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSSS19-013 dated October 15, 2019, of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

That the proposed Terms of Reference for a Housing Action Task Force Working Group, as set out in Appendix A, be approved.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

There are no budget or financial implications associated with the recommendation in this report.

## Background

City Council, at its September 23, 2019 meeting, adopted the following motion:

**That the Building Housing Working Group be reframed as the Housing Action Task Force to accelerate and promote the development of affordable and below-market housing; and,**

**That the Terms of Reference for this group be brought to General Committee on October 15th.**

The Steering Committee for the 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan (Plan) has been guiding City staff in the Review of the Plan since late 2018. As a result of the review, two working groups have been proposed to support the implementation of the plan, aligned with the key priorities:

1. Ending Homelessness and Keeping People Housed, and
2. Building Housing

It is proposed that the Housing Action Task Force Working Group (Task Force) will take the place of the Building Housing Working Group. The purpose of the Task Force is to increase the supply of affordable housing to meet the targets in the 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan.

The Task Force will report to the 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan Steering Committee, which reports to Council through staff reports to the General Committee or Joint Services Steering Committee, as required.

Two members of City Council and two members of County Council will be appointed to the Task Force through the City and County appointments process. Other Members will be appointed by the Steering Committee and will include representation from City and County planning divisions, housing developers, non-profit housing providers, affordable rental and homeownership, homebuilders and sustainable builders.

Social Services staff will provide support to this committee by preparing and circulating agendas and minutes, providing information to and liaising with Task Force members.

Submitted by,

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Commissioner of Community Services

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**Attachment:**

Appendix A - By-law to Establish the Terms of Reference for a Housing Action Task  
Force Committee