Peterborough County
Our History - Your Future

April 22, 2021

City of Peterborough

Sent via email:

Dear Sandra and Sheldon,

Further to our PRLC meeting of March 25 where the following motion was passed:

> That the Peterborough Regional Liaison Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSSSPRLC21-001, dated March 25, 2021, of the Commissioner of Community Services, as follows:
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> a) That the report and presentation, including Report CSSS21-003 Governance Alternatives for Affordable Housing Development, attached as Appendix A, be received for information.
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> b) That PRLC confirms the primary objective of this process is to build affordable housing as soon as possible, and
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> c) That the City and County work collaboratively to that end.

Please find below a summary of the items which the County is requesting further information and response.

Governance:

- Does the City agree that it has an obligation to develop and maintain affordable housing units in the County as per its obligations under the *Housing Act* - to implement the “10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan”?

- Does the City agree that any changes in the vehicle used to develop affordable housing in the County should reflect County needs as outlined in the “10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan”? (estimates to be 796 units)?

- Would the GBE be responsible for developing new Affordable Housing Projects in the County in line with the “10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan” and how would the County have an opportunity to shape those investments? Would the GBE be mandated to manage or hire a manager for the County sites?

- Will the City formally consult with the County as it develops the specific structure and operating components of the GBE and any changes to PHC that would affect its administration of social housing.

Township Investments:

- Both the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen (HBM) and the Township of Selwyn (Lakefield site) were developed with substantial contributions by the Townships. Their intent was that the equity would be used for ongoing development of affordable housing in their Township. If these properties are transferred to the GBE how would you ensure the equity in these properties would be used for future development in these two Townships?

- Will you honour the agreements between PHC and Selwyn and between PHC and HBM that the properties will not be transferred out of PHC without the consent of those municipalities?

Financial Impact:

The County pays roughly 55% of the social Housing budget. The following was contained in City staff report to Council CSSS21-003 “If the KPMG recommendation is to be pursued, it will be necessary to determine a “new funding level” for the remaining Peterborough Housing Corporation operations for the social housing part of its portfolio” Given this statement:

- On what basis are you confirming that nothing in the proposal will increase the social housing cost to the County and what due diligence has been undertaken to ensure this?

- Based on the City’s comments that there will be no financial impact to the County - will the City include wording to this effect in the Letters Patent of the new GBE to protect the County.

I am happy to meet to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Sheridan Graham

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