



City of  
**Peterborough**

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**To:** Members of the Peterborough Regional Liaison Committee

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

**Meeting Date:** June 10, 2021

**Subject:** Report CSSSPRLC21-003  
Housing and Homelessness Plan: 2020 Progress Report

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## **Purpose**

A report to present the Progress Report for 2020 on the Housing and Homelessness Plan for the City and County of Peterborough.

## **Recommendation**

That the Peterborough Regional Liaison Committee endorse the recommendation outlined in Report CSSSPRLC21-003, dated June 10, 2021, of the Commissioner of Community Services, as follows:

That the Housing and Homelessness Plan Progress Report 2020, including presentation content, attached as Appendix A, be received for information.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

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

## Background

The Housing Services Act 2011 requires the City of Peterborough, as Service Manager for the City and County of Peterborough, to have a Housing and Homelessness Plan and to report annually on the progress. The City of Peterborough's Housing and Homelessness Plan was launched in 2014, then reviewed and updated in 2019. The 2020 Progress Report is attached as Appendix A.

## Highlights

The Progress Report highlights progress made, despite significant challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020:

1. There was a 22% decrease in homelessness in the City and County of Peterborough.
2. There were 450 shifts from homelessness to housing. 105 of these shifts were supported by the Housing Locator position. 296 of these shifts happened between April and December, during the first and second waves of the pandemic.
3. There were zero COVID-19 positive cases in the shelter system. Individuals experiencing homelessness who had possible cases were supported to isolate, test, and await test results.
4. There were zero COVID-19 positive cases in the emergency shelter system. Individuals experiencing homelessness who had possible cases were supported to isolate, test, and await test results.
5. The YES Shelter for Youth and Families supported 9 families to move from homelessness to housed and 15 at-risk families to maintain their housing.
6. 9 units of Rent Geared to Income Supportive Housing were created that are dedicated to the By-Name Priority list of people experiencing homelessness.
7. YES Shelter for Youth and Families added 17 units of housing, supporting 24 youths, supported by funding from all levels of government.
8. 77 people were approved to receive the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit a monthly payment to help them afford their rent.

**Progress towards ending chronic homelessness and building housing**

Staff is collaborating to ensure there is quality data to track the City's progress towards the goals of the new Housing and Homelessness Plan.

As identified in the Plan, the City is working to:

- End chronic homelessness by the end of 2025, and
- “Meet all housing needs” by 2029 by creating 580 supportive housing units for people experiencing chronic homelessness, 2,680 new rental units and 796 new homeownership units.

Meeting the targets requires collaboration across all levels of government, local organizations, and community members, with input from people with lived experience of housing insecurity and homelessness.

This report will also be provided to the Peterborough Council on June 14, 2021 for information as Report CSSS21-005.

**Distribution**

The Progress Report 2020 will be available to the public through the City's website, presented to County Council, the Housing and Homelessness Plan Steering Committee and the Working Groups and submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

**Summary**

The City of Peterborough is required to report annually on its progress towards meeting the goals of the 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan.

Submitted by,

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**Attachment:**

Appendix A - Housing and Homelessness Plan Progress Report 2020