



City of
Peterborough

To: **Members of the Joint Services Steering Committee**

From: **Allan Seabrooke,
Commissioner of Community Services**

Meeting Date: **September 6, 2018**

Subject: **Report CSSSJSSC18-008
Review of the 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan -
Update**

Purpose

A report to update the Joint Services Steering Committee on the 5-year Review of the 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan (the “Review”) and the revised Steering Committee and Working Group Structure.

Recommendation

That Joint Services Steering Committee endorse the recommendation outlined in Report CSSSJSSC18-008 dated September 6, 2018, of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

That Report CSSSJSSC18-008 and presentation on the 5-year Review of the 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

There is no budget or financial implication 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 (the “Plan”). Service Managers are also required to review and update their plans at least once every five years. 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plans must address matters of provincial interest and be consistent with policy statements issued under the **Housing Services Act**.

Planning for the Review of the Plan began in 2017. Key elements of the Review include reaching out to the community through consultations, updating the needs assessment and creating a refreshed steering committee structure.

Community Consultation

Community consultation will include:

- Conversations with people who have lived experience of homelessness and housing insecurity;
- Focus group sessions for community partners, stakeholders in both the City and County, indigenous peoples and people with lived experience; and
- Options for online feedback through the City’s website.

Feedback gathered from community consultations will inform the development of the updated plan.

Needs Assessment

Relevant portions of the needs assessment prepared in 2013 will be refreshed using more current data and a summary of the information gathered in community consultation.

Ministry Requirements

Service Managers are required to submit their draft updated Plans by June 30, 2019 for approval by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH). The updated Plan will be presented to the Joint Services Steering Committee in the fall of 2019.

Housing and Homelessness Plan Steering Committee and Working Groups

Rationale

Since 2001, Service Managers have had increasing responsibility for the provision of housing and homelessness services, including creating 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan that set targets for reducing homelessness. This work cannot be accomplished alone: community partners are key collaborators. To ensure that the work

of community partners is in alignment with the goals and principles in the Plan, Service Managers need to play a leadership role.

When the Plan was launched in 2014, there were multiple, disconnected housing and homelessness committees. The Plan recognized that there was a need to bring these committees into better alignment with Service Manager priorities. A new Steering Committee and Working Group structure is proposed that will balance Service Manager leadership and system coordination with community partner input and collaboration.

Working Groups will be co-chaired by Service Manager staff and community members. The Steering Committee and Working Groups will also have extensive representation from community stakeholders and people with lived experience.

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee will be led by Service Manager staff, who will ensure that key stakeholders representing different housing and homelessness agencies and organizations are invited. An application process will be established for community members. It is anticipated that the first meeting of the Steering Committee will take place in late 2018.

Working Groups

There will be three standing Working Groups of the Steering Committee, working on different parts of the housing and homelessness system:

1. Emergency Housing Responses
 - Homelessness
 - Emergency Shelters
2. Housing Subsidies and Support Services
 - Housing Stability
 - Social and Supportive Housing
3. Building Housing Affordability
 - Affordable Rental Housing
 - Affordable Home Ownership

During the community consultation process for the Review, Service Manager staff will seek input into equitable ways to populate the Working Groups. It is anticipated that the Working Groups will be formed in early 2019.

Summary

The Review of the Plan coincides with renewed interest from the federal government on housing and homelessness. Renewed local priorities will be essential to guide planning for opportunities under the National Housing Strategy and the Homelessness Partnering Strategy.

The creation of the Housing and Homelessness Plan Steering Committee and Working Group Structure will assist the Service Manager in meeting the goals and objectives in the Plan, using the input and advice from the community.

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