



City of
Peterborough

To: **Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee**

From: **Susan Bacque, Manager of the Housing Division**
Linda Mitchelson, Manager of the Social Services Division

Meeting Date: **September 3, 2014**

Subject: **Report AAC14-018**
Update on the Investment in Affordable Housing Extension
and the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative in the
City/County of Peterborough

Purpose

A report to provide an update on the Investment in Affordable Housing (I.A.H.), funding extension and the City/ County of Peterborough Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI).

Recommendation

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee approves the recommendation outlined in Report AAC14-018 dated September 3, 2014, of the Manager of the Housing Division and Manager of the Social Services Division as follows:

That Report AAC14-020 be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budget or financial implications in receiving this report.

Background

Investment in Affordable Housing Extension

In late 2012 and early 2013 the Province of Ontario (the Province) in partnership with the Federal government initiated a program called Investment in Affordable Housing. The objective of the program is to provide funding for the creation and repair of affordable housing over a four year period ending in 2014-2015.

The program has been designed to provide increased flexibility, with accountability, to municipal Service Managers (SM), allowing the SM to address housing issues specific to their community. The following program streams have been identified within the County and City of Peterborough:

- Affordable rental
- Home ownership assistance loan
- Peterborough renovates
- Rent supplement/Housing allowance

The Province has extended the program Investment in Affordable Housing to 2019. It is estimated that the City and County of Peterborough will receive approximately \$8 million to continue to support programs already initiated, and ensure that the program streams chosen have continued value.

Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative

The Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) was developed as a result of the Province's commitment to work toward consolidating the existing funding from five provincial homelessness-related programs, together under a single ministry, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, policy and accountability framework.

The goal of this program is to prevent, address and reduce homelessness by improving access to adequate, suitable and affordable housing that is linked to flexible support services based on peoples' needs.

If funding from the Province moves from a one time grant to ongoing funding, initiatives would be as follows:

- Emergency shelter solutions
- Housing with related supports
- Services and supports
- Homelessness prevention

Summary

The City and County of Peterborough have identified current and future housing and homelessness needs, defined objectives and targets related to those needs in the 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan. The funding associated with the Investment in Affordable Housing and the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative will allow the City and County of Peterborough to address those initiatives identified.

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