



CITY OF KINGSTON
INFORMATION REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No.: 09-197

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Lance Thurston, Commissioner, Community Development Services

RESOURCE STAFF: Jim de Hoop, Director, Community and Family Services

DATE OF MEETING: 2009-06-16

SUBJECT: Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Grant Program Submission

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As was announced in the recent Ontario Budget, a combined Ontario and Federal government investment of over \$1.2 billion is being made available to social and affordable housing over the next 2 years. Of this amount, \$704 million is being spent for social housing renovation and retrofit projects.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) requested from Service Managers and transfer Ministries the identification of "*construction-ready*" social housing renovation and retrofit projects by May 8th that could proceed during the spring and summer of 2009. Staff from Community and Family Services met the deadline and have provided the attached list noted as Exhibit 'A' on projects that are 'construction ready'.

The City of Kingston, as Service Manager for Kingston-Frontenac, has submitted a total of \$7,078,188 requests on behalf of 17 housing providers.

"*Construction-ready*" generally means projects that are ready for issuance of a building permit, have proof of insurance and proof of financing as may be appropriate to the project. MMAH has stated that not all projects may require these.

Project priorities include:

- Restoration of vacant or abandoned units
- Health and Safety
- Enhanced energy efficiency
- Reduced operating costs, and/or
- Enhanced accessibility

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is for information only. As award announcements are made, further information will be provided to City Council.

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AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER

Lance Thurston, Commissioner, Community Development Services

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer

CONSULTATION WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Beach, <i>Sustainability & Growth</i>	n/r
Commissioner Leger, <i>Corporate Services</i>	n/r
Jim Keech, President, <i>Utilities Kingston</i>	n/r

(N/R indicates consultation not required)

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The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) requested from Service Managers and transfer Ministries the identification of "construction-ready" social housing renovation and retrofit projects by **May 8th** that could proceed during the spring and summer of 2009.

"Construction-ready" generally means projects that are ready for issuance of a building permit, have proof of insurance and proof of financing as may be appropriate to the project. MMAH has stated that not all projects may require these. The maximum federal-provincial funding contribution available will be \$28,000 per unit. For regeneration projects, (i.e. major rebuilding of vacant or derelict units, or demolition and reconstruction of all or a part of a project) a maximum of \$150,000 per unit would be available. Project priorities include:

- Restoration of vacant or abandoned units
- Health and Safety
- Enhanced energy efficiency
- Reduced operating costs, and/or
- Enhanced accessibility

Based on our consultation with housing providers, the City of Kingston, as Service Manager for Kingston-Frontenac, has submitted 96 specific funding requests totalling \$7,078,188 on behalf of 17 housing providers. The enclosed Exhibit "A" provides further summary information. The submissions are wide ranging and include aspects of all the project priorities stated in the program guidelines. As soon as the Ministry announces the awarded projects, a further report to Council will be provided.

EXISTING POLICY/BY LAW:

Not applicable

NOTICE PROVISIONS:

Not applicable at this time.

ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

This report is available in alternative formats and in French upon request.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable at this time.

CONTACTS:

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OTHER CITY OF KINGSTON STAFF CONSULTED:

Rob Rowe, Housing Programs Administrator
Cheryl Hitchen, Manager Applicant Services and Community Programs

EXHIBITS ATTACHED:

Exhibit "A": Service Manager Construction Ready Projects

Exhibit A
 Report 09-197 Social Housing Renovation & Retrofit Program
 Service Manager Construction Ready Projects

Project Name Location & Address	Estimated Cost of Repairs (\$)
Porto Village Homes Inc. 700 Division St. Kingston	83,100
St. Andrew –Thomas, Crystal Springs Manor	585,450
Loughborough Housing - 4361 William Street, Sydenham	74,656
Weller Arms, 65 Daly Street, Kingston	36,000
North Frontenac Non Profit Housing Corp, Sharbot Lake	186,885
Lois Miller Co-operative – 298 Guthrie Drive, Kingston	392,637
Marion Community Homes - 480 Days Road, Kingston	820,000
Tipi Moza – Kingston, ON	288,800
Kingston Municipal Non-Profit Housing	2,041,500
Zion United Church Foundation Inc, Kingston, ON	94,140
K&FHC – all addresses	2,205,000
Royal Canadian Legion 671 Princess St., Kingston	145,020
Dutch Heritage Villa, 480 Elliott Ave., Kingston	100,000
City of Kingston on behalf of 17 Social Housing Providers- Building Condition Assessments	25,000
Total	\$7,078,188



CITY OF KINGSTON
INFORMATION REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No.: 09-201

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Cynthia Beach, Commissioner, Growth & Sustainability Group

RESOURCE STAFF: Lanie Hurdle, Director, Recreation & Leisure Services Department
Chanda Theng, Planner
Liz Cartwright, Administrative Assistant

DATE OF MEETING: 2009-06-16

SUBJECT: Implementation of Waterfront Caution Signs

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is to advise Council that the Recreation & Leisure Services Department is in the process of implementing some caution and regulatory signs and safety equipment on City owned waterfront properties to improve waterfront safety. The signage/equipment location will focus mainly on recreational properties and facilities that have access to Lake Ontario, more specifically designated and non-designated swimming areas. These signs will increase public safety awareness.

RECOMMENDATION:

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AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES:

<p>ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER</p> <p>Cynthia Beach, Commissioner, Sustainability & Growth Group</p>
<p>ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER</p> <p>Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer</p>

CONSULTATION WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Thurston, <i>Community Development Services</i>	N/R
Commissioner Leger, <i>Corporate Services</i>	N/R
Jim Keech, President, <i>Utilities Kingston</i>	✓

(N/R indicates consultation not required)

OPTIONS/DISCUSSION:

The Recreation & Leisure Services Department will be installing signage and some safety equipment on City owned properties that have access to Lake Ontario in order to increase public awareness regarding waterfront safety. Of the 46 City owned properties along Lake Ontario, over 60% of are either a recreational facility or a park.

Due to the size of Lake Ontario, properties that front on to Lake Ontario are the first priority. Signage on City owned properties that front on other tributaries such as the Rideau Canal can be added in the future. Approximately 24% of City owned waterfront properties are along smaller water bodies such as the Rideau Canal that can be further investigated if needed.

Beaches on natural waterfronts regardless of whether they consist of sand or a rocky beach have an element of risk associated with their use for swimming. The public needs to remember that waterfront beaches may have waves and uneven bottom conditions. Since all our designated swimming areas are unsupervised, the installation of caution signs and safety equipment will enhance appropriate public use and safety. Currently designated swimming areas and potential future designated swimming areas include: Grass Creek Park beach, Rotary Park beach, Lake Ontario Park beach, Richardson beach, and Breakwater Park. Other City owned locations used by the public for swimming but not designated for swimming includes: Esplanade Park, Everitt Park, Patterson Park and Confederation Park. In designated swimming locations, the signs will caution the public that there is potential danger. In non-designated swimming areas the signs will indicate that swimming is not permitted. Both designated and non-designated swimming areas will restrict certain activities, such as diving, due the potential.

Other areas of consideration along Lake Ontario for these regulatory signs consists of City marinas, harbours and parks with visible access to Lake Ontario. These locations include: Portsmouth Olympic Harbour, J.K. Tett Centre, Collins Bay boat launch, Horsey Bay Parkette, An Gorta Mor Park, Ravensview Park, Sibbit Park, Riverside Waterside, Channel View Park, and English Landing Park. In marinas and harbours there is a higher potential of risk due to the varying size of vessels that travel to these areas. As a result, incompatible uses that would be dangerous in these areas would be displayed on the signs as a restricted use.

Through reviewing waterfront trail signage guidelines, waterfront safety guidelines, life saving society information, other signage guidelines and other municipal practices, it has been concluded that signs should be posted within an appropriate distance to the hazard where a person has time to see the sign and take appropriate precautions. Safety equipment will be placed along with signage. Below are some examples of guidelines for placing the signs and equipment in waterfront properties:

- Signs should be located at entrance and exits to the waterfront. If no specific entrance/exit exists the signs should be located between 1 to 2 m from the edge of the pathway
- If no pathway, place it in a central location that is visible about 1 to 2 m from the street frontage or at a reasonable location from the swimming area.
- If there are existing structures that are in a visible area such as railing by shoreline, it should be placed there.
- Signs need to be visible and away from a clutter or obstruction and in a well lit area if possible
- Related signs side by side or on one post but not more than 4 signs in the same area.

The signs will be standard caution sign size to be placed in a prominent location to be effective, while taking into account that the properties are waterfront properties and any aesthetic impact to the waterfront view will also be considered. Having these signs will improve waterfront safety by informing the public of the potential risks associated with their use of municipal waterfront.

EXISTING POLICY/BY LAW:

The size of the signs has not yet been finalized and therefore impact on signage by-law has not been determined. Any exemption to the by-law would be brought back for council approval.

NOTICE PROVISIONS:

N/A

ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

\$50,000 has been set aside in the 2009-2010 capital budget to purchase and install safety signage and equipment.

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EXHIBITS ATTACHED:

None