



City of Kingston
Information Report to Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee
Report Number HHC-19-003

To: Chair, Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee
From: Peter Huigenbos, Acting Commissioner, Community Services
Resource Staff: Sheldon Laidman, Director, Housing & Social Services
Date of Meeting: February 14, 2019
Subject: 5 Year Review of 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan
Status Update

Executive Summary:

In previous reports, staff informed the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee (HHAC) about the mandated five year review of the 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan ([Report Number HHC-18-004](#)) and the review implementation plan ([Report Number HHC-18-008](#)). This report is providing the new HHAC with a status update on the five year review process.

The review process is comprised of three phases: an environmental scan and needs assessment, a public engagement process, and the compilation of the final updated report and approval process. The review process is currently in the environmental scan and needs assessment phase. Staff are targeting to have a consultant in place by the end of February 2019, and at the same time, will have a background document completed with relevant housing data finalized supporting the review process.

In regards to the two specific areas of focus identified as needing special consideration in this process by the HHAC, indigenous housing and supportive and transitional housing, conversations with the indigenous community have started. At the March 21st HHAC meeting, presentations by community partners working on supportive and transitional housing and a group of PhD students are planned to provide the Committee with a better understanding of the supportive and transitional housing status and future needs in the community.

In light of the launch of a Mayors Task Force on Housing, efforts are being made to ensure efficiencies and synergies between the task force and the 5 year review process.

Recommendation:

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Authorizing Signatures:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER

**Peter Huigenbos, Acting Commissioner,
Community Services**

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**Lanie Hurdle, Acting Chief
Administrative Officer**

Consultation with the following Members of the Corporate Management Team:

Jim Keech, President & CEO, Utilities Kingston	Not required
Desirée Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer	Not required
Deanne Roberge, Acting Commissioner, Corporate & Emergency Services	Not required

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Options/Discussion:

The City of Kingston is the Service Manager for Housing and Homelessness programming in the City of Kingston and the County of Frontenac. Under the *Housing Services Act, 2011* (the Act), Service Managers were obligated to develop a 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan. City Council approved the 10-Year Municipal Housing and Homelessness Plan for The City of Kingston and the County of Frontenac (the Plan) in December of 2013.

In previous reports, we informed the HHAC about the provincially mandated five year review of the 10-year plan ([Report Number HHC-18-004](#)) and the review implementation plan and HHAC involvement ([Report Number HHC-18-008](#)). This report is providing the new HHAC with a status update on the five year review of the plan.

The review process is comprised of three phases: an environmental scan and needs assessment, a public engagement process, and the compilation of the final updated report and approval process.

The review process is currently in the environmental scan and needs assessment phase. An internal working group is in the process of reviewing the 75 recommendations in the current plan and have created an initial draft of updated recommendations. Based on existing data sources (i.e. 2016 Census, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) data, homelessness enumeration data), staff are working on a background document with a variety of updated housing data that will serve as the basis for further analysis and public engagement. This background document is expected to be finalized by the end of February.

A Request for Proposals for consulting services supporting the review process closed on January 23, 2019. Three proposals were received and it is expected that a consultant will be selected by the end of February.

Staff have initiated exploratory meetings with partners such as the South East Local Health Integration Network (SE-LHIN) and a variety of local social and community services partners to gain a better understanding of specific housing issues in the community. A full public engagement process will take place in the second phase of the review process (March - June) after the environmental scan and needs assessment are finalized and the consultant is in place.

In the September 2018 HHAC report, staff identified two specific areas of focus to be considered in the review process; Indigenous housing, and supportive and transitional housing.

To start the conversation with the indigenous community, staff are meeting with the board and staff of Tipi Moza, the local indigenous housing provider in the community. Staff will be participating in the community consultation phase of Engage for Change in order to increase synergies with the broader work of the Corporation.

For the focus area of supportive and transitional housing, staff are assisted by a group of PhD students through the 'Queen's PhD initiative'. The group is assessing the community's need for

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supportive housing. At the next HHAC meeting on March 21st, recommendations will be presented and supportive and transitional housing partners will be invited to present to the Committee and share a full picture of the challenges, gaps and opportunities in supportive and transitional housing in the community.

Synergy with Mayors Task Force

In December 2018, the Mayor announced an initiative to establish a task force on housing. It is expected that the mission of the task force will be to develop a set of tools and strategies to facilitate the construction of all types of housing, including housing options for those with lower incomes and for those who need additional housing supports. Every effort is being made to ensure efficiencies and synergies between the Mayor's Task Force on Housing and the 5 year review process.

Existing Policy/By-Law:

10-Year Municipal Housing and Homelessness Plan

Housing Services Act, 2011

Policy Statement: Service Manager Housing and Homelessness Plans

City of Kingston Strategic Plan

Notice Provisions:

Not applicable

Accessibility Considerations:

Not applicable

Financial Considerations:

Not applicable

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Exhibits Attached:

Not applicable