



**City of Kingston**  
**Information Report to Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee**  
**Report Number HHC-19-005**

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**To:** Chair and Members of Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee

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

**Resource Staff:** Sheldon Laidman, Director, Housing & Social Services

**Date of Meeting:** July 23, 2019

**Subject:** 10-Year Municipal Housing and Homelessness Plan Midpoint Review – Indigenous Engagement Session

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**Executive Summary:**

As a part of the five year review of the 10-Year Municipal Housing and Homelessness Plan, the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee (HHAC) has been engaged in discussion and engagements with priority populations.

In [Report Number HHC-18-008](#) the Kingston and Frontenac Indigenous community was identified as a priority population. In order to engage with the community a Committee meeting has been scheduled to facilitate a talking circle with local Indigenous communities on July 23, 2019 at the Tett Center for Creativity and Learning in Kingston.

The HHAC recognized the importance of ensuring this meeting is culturally sensitive and adheres to Indigenous engagement best practices. A Traditional Knowledge Keeper from outside the Kingston and Frontenac Community will facilitate this Talking Circle.

Members of the local Indigenous community have been invited and encouraged to extend the invitation to their network contacts. Areas of conversation will focus on housing and homelessness challenges, opportunities and ongoing dialogue and relationships.

**Recommendation:**

This report is for information purposes only.

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**Authorizing Signatures:**



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



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**Lanie Hurdle, Interim 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
Sheila Kidd, Commissioner, Transportation & Public Works	Not required
Deanne Roberge, Acting Commissioner, Corporate 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*, 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.

Housing & Social Services staff are currently working on a provincially mandated five year review of the 10-Year Housing and Homelessness 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.

As part of the review process, housing and homelessness and the Indigenous community have been identified as a special focus area. In order to develop a better understanding of this topic, members of the indigenous communities involved and interested in sharing their ideas on the housing and homelessness sector in Kingston and Frontenac have been invited to the HHAC Committee meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning.

The session will be facilitated by a traditional knowledge keeper from the Peterborough Friendship Centre, Ms. Kim Lamothe, and will be guided by the questions set out in the 5 year update guide of the 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan prepared by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

The overall intent of the meeting is to explore opportunities for priority populations over the next five years of the Municipal Housing and Homelessness Plan and beyond. Specific areas to explore during the meeting are:

1. Develop a deeper understanding of specific housing and homelessness challenges for Indigenous members of our community;
2. Identify opportunities in housing and homelessness for Indigenous members of our community; and
3. Foster an ongoing relationship and dialogue with the Indigenous communities in supporting housing and homelessness.

All the information will be gathered in a report and staff will use the insights for the five year review process of the 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan. Members of the Mayor's Taskforce on Housing have been invited to the session as well.

**Existing Policy/By-Law:**

10-Year Municipal Housing and Homelessness Plan

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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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**Other City of Kingston Staff Consulted:**

Joanne Borris, Housing Program Administrator, Housing & Social Services

**Exhibits Attached:**

Not applicable