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JOINT SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

REPORT NO. JSC-033-2021

**LEEDS GRENVILLE HOUSING PLAN
PUBLIC REPORT**

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RECOMMENDATION(S)

THAT the Joint Services Committee recommend to Counties Council to approve the Annual Housing and Homelessness Plan Public Report 2021.

BACKGROUND

The *Housing Services Act* was enacted in 2011, and one of the requirements established was for Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSM's) to develop a ten-year Housing and Homelessness Plan. The Housing Plan was approved by Council in May 2014. Another requirement of the *Housing Services Act* was that starting in 2015 public reports on the activities of the previous calendar year are required.

The report is to include:

- Measures taken and the progress achieved to meet the objectives and targets in the Housing Plan.
- The report must mirror the requirements in the *Housing Services Act*.

- Provide the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing with the same information provided to the public, and the method in which it was reported to the public by June 30th of each year.

It is also a requirement of the *Housing Services Act* that a Five Year Review of the Housing and Homelessness Plan be conducted. The 2019 Five Year Review of the Housing and Homelessness Plan was approved on December 9, 2020.

DISCUSSION

The Housing and Homelessness Plan has identified three main overarching strategic goals.

1. To maintain our current Affordable Housing Programs and Services;
2. Enhance services to reflect the changing needs of the community; and
3. Involve all stakeholders in the development and implementation of the Housing Plan.

2020 was a unique year due to the global pandemic. The Provincial government announced a new Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) in response to the COVID-19 crisis. There have been three different funding allocation phases of the SSRF, and a priority was made to make sure that appropriate financial assistance and supports were accessible to the most vulnerable in Leeds and Grenville.

In spite of the pandemic, the Housing Department has strived to continue to take action to uphold the strategic goals of the Housing and Homelessness Plan, and meet the housing needs of the people of Leeds and Grenville in a variety of ways.

Attachment 1 outlines the Outcomes and Actions for 2020. Once approved, this document, along with this report, will be made public by posting it to the Leeds Grenville website.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There have been no funds provided by MMAH with respect to the costs of implementing the Plan. The Housing Department does rely on the Housing Plan when considering the utilization of MMAH funds, such as the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI), the Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) Program and

the Canada-Ontario Housing Initiative (COCHI) and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI).

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Housing and Homelessness Plan: Strategic Outcomes and Actions.



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May 20/2021

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