

March 22, 2022

Social Services Committee Report #2022-03-02

REPORT TO: Mayor and Members
City Council

Your Social Services Committee submits the following recommendations from its meeting held on March 2, 2022:

12.3.1 Discretionary Benefits Review [Financial Impact], 2022-48

- A. THAT Report 2022-48 Discretionary Benefits Review, BE RECEIVED;
- B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the County of Brant.

12.3.2 Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative 2022-23 Investment Plan [Financial Impact - None], 2022-149

- A. THAT the report 2022-149 on the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative and the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative 2022-23 Investment Plan BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) 2022- 23 Investment Plan outlined in this report BE APPROVED; and
- C. THAT the General Manager, Community Services & Social Development BE AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED to execute a Transfer Payment Agreement between The Corporation of the City of Brantford and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and any ancillary documents thereto, in a form approved by the City Solicitor; and
- D. THAT the Director of Housing and Homelessness Services BE AUTHORIZED to reallocate capital and operating dollars within the funding streams as may be necessary to facilitate total expenditures of the COCHI and OPHI funding allocations; and
- E. THAT the Director of Housing and Homelessness Services BE DIRECTED to fund the capital repair projects as identified in Appendix A to Report 2022-149 from COCHI and OPHI in the total amount of \$697,414; and
- F. THAT the Director of Housing and Homelessness Services BE AUTHORIZED to revise or add capital repair projects to Appendix A for

funding from COCHI or OPHI, as may be needed, to ensure full expenditure of the allocations.

- G. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to send communication to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in regards to the Homeownership component of the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative recommending a review of the program in order to be more reflective of the current market, this would include, but not be limited to the eligibility criteria, purchase price, and eligible unit types.

12.3.3 Expression of Interest - Federal Community Housing Initiative – Phase 2 – Robertson Avenue, Brantford [Financial Impact – None], 2022-187

- A. THAT report 2022-187 titled Expression of Interest – Federal Community Housing Initiative – Phase 2 – Robertson Avenue, Brantford BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the General Manager, Community Services and Social Development BE DIRECTED to enter into an amending agreement with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to provide an expression of interest for the extension of Temporary Rental Assistance Program to eligible households who occupy units at 9-27 Robertson Avenue, Brantford, Ontario; and
- C. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the County of Brant.

12.3.4 177 Colborne St. W Development Update [Financial Impact - \$6,323,920], 2022-42

- A. THAT report 2022-42 177 Colborne St. W. Development Update BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT funding for the 177 Colborne St. W. Development project BE REVISED as follows:
- i. \$1,250,000 from Provincial Social Services Relief Funding (SSRF)
 - ii. \$1,000,000 from an eligible third party grant
 - iii. \$870,000 from Reaching Home grant funding
 - iv. \$1,121,372 from Social Housing Capital Reserve (RF0473)
 - v. \$2,082,548 from Development Charges – Housing Reserve Fund (RF0415); and

- C. THAT the necessary by-law to repeal By-law 47-2021 being a by-law to authorize debenture financing for the Affordable Housing Development at 177 Colborne St. BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption; and
- D. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the County of Brant.

12.3.5 Ontario Works Quarterly Update Q4 [Financial Impact: None], 2022-60

- A. THAT report 2022-60 regarding the Ontario Works Quarterly Update BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the County of Brant

12.3.6 Live Well Brantford-Brant 2021 Q4 Quarterly Report [Financial Impact: None], 2022-61

- A. THAT Report 2022-61, Live Well Brantford-Brant 2021 Q4 Quarterly Report, BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the County of Brant.

12.3.7 Homelessness and Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS) Fourth Quarter Report and Homelessness By-Name List Information Update [Financial Impact: None], 2022-84

- A. THAT Report (2022-84) Homelessness Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS) Fourth Quarter Report and Homelessness By-Name List Information Update BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the County of Brant.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Lafarriere, Chair