

October 24, 2023

Social Services Committee Report #2023-10-04

REPORT TO: Mayor and Members
City Council

Your Social Services Committee submits the following recommendations from its meeting held on October 4, 2023:

12.2.1 Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative Investment Plan [Financial Impact - None], 2023-227

- A. THAT Report 2023-227 on the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative Investment Plan BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative Investment Plan as outlined in this report BE APPROVED; and
- C. THAT the Chief Administrative Officer or Delegate BE AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED to execute a Transfer Payment Agreement between The Corporation of the City of Brantford and His Majesty the King 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 investment plan 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 projects and repairs as identified in Appendix A to Report 2023-227 from COCHI and OPHI; 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 needed, to ensure full expenditure of the allocations; and
- G. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the County of Brant.

12.2.2 Housing Development Location - Councillor Samwell

WHEREAS citizens residing in the City of Brantford and the County of Brant are experiencing a shortage of affordable rental housing options; and

WHEREAS there is currently a waiting lists of 975 households applying to reside in community housing; and

WHEREAS various Community and Affordable Housing types are essential components in the housing continuum; and

WHEREAS these housing types provide affordable housing options for middle and lower income households; and

WHEREAS the Brantford-Brant Housing Stability Plan (2014-2024) identifies increasing affordable housing options as one of its six goals; and

WHEREAS on October 22, 2019, Council directed staff to complete a 10-year Municipal Housing Master Plan (2020-2030) that establishes a plan for increasing the development of municipally-owned housing by 506 units over the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS the Housing Master Plan specifically satisfies a key action attached to achieving this goal: “Develop and implement a 10-year Housing Regeneration Master Plan for municipally owned housing with funding/financing recommendations that support ongoing financial sustainability”; and

WHEREAS it is important for municipally-developed, mixed income housing developments to be integrated into the community, in close proximity to services and supports; and

WHEREAS it is important to ensure a city-wide balanced approach to location of future housing projects;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to provide an update on the status of the Brantford-Brant Housing Stability Plan including key initiatives in Q4 2023; and
- B. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to provide, in the above Plan, an overview of the current housing units by Ward Boundary locations (City and County) and the currently planned housing development units by Ward Boundary and report back to Council by Q4 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor McCreary, Chair