

September 28, 2021

Social Services Committee Report #2021-09-08

REPORT TO: Mayor and Members
City Council

Your Social Services Committee submits the following recommendations from its meeting held on September 8, 2021:

12.3.1 Indigenous Led Early Learning and Child Care Update 2021 [Financial Impact: None], 2021-434

- A. THAT Staff report 2021-434 "Indigenous Led Early Learning and Child Care Update" 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 Homelessness and Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS) Second Quarter Report and Homelessness By-Name List Information Update [Financial Impact: None], 2021-545

- A. THAT Report (2021-545) Homelessness Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS) Second Quarter Report and Homelessness By-Name List Information Update 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.

12.3.3 Children's Services and Early Years Update and Results of Stakeholder Consultation [Financial Impact: None], 2021-465

- A. THAT Children's Services and Early Years Update and Results of Stakeholder Consultation Report 2021-465 BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to develop a 10-Year Child Care Plan to be provided to Council before March 31, 2022;
- 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 Results of the Brantford-Brant 2021 Point-in-Time Count and Federal Reaching Home Reporting Update [Financial Impact: None], 2021-418

- A. THAT Report No. 2021-418 Results of the Brantford-Brant 2021 Point-in-Time Count and Federal Reaching Home Reporting 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.

12.3.5 Social Assistance Renewal Update, 2021-586

- A. THAT Report 2021-586 “Social Assistance Renewal 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 Development Incentives for Affordable Housing Developers

WHEREAS the Council approved Housing Stability Plan 2014-2024 identifies targets for creating both 506 municipally-owned new affordable housing units and 337 new affordable housing units created by non-profit and private sectors partners by 2030 to address population growth while maintaining current service level standards; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Housing Master Plan approved in October 2019 set a target of 506 municipally owned and operated new affordable housing units to be developed between 2020-2030; and

WHEREAS the Housing Stability Plan 2014-2024 also has a goal of increasing and preserving affordable housing options which includes increasing affordable homeownership opportunities; and

WHEREAS significant outcomes of the Mayors’ Housing Partnerships Task Force that took place during 2020 were to identify municipally owned sites that would be potentially suitable for affordable housing development, to identify possible municipal financial resources, and to establish a mentorship program to encourage affordable housing development; and

WHEREAS the Mayors’ Housing Partnerships Task Force Affordable Housing Action Plan approved in January 2021 is to encourage municipal, non-profit and private sector partners to develop more affordable rental and homeownership housing, and to find ways to accelerate this process; and

WHEREAS the City provides some incentives for the development of affordable rental and homeownership housing through the Housing and Homelessness Services Department such as development charge relief through the Municipal Housing Facilities By-law; and

WHEREAS the City also provides some incentives for all types of housing development through the Planning Department, and recently approved Downtown and Greyfields Community Improvement Plans include incentives for the development of affordable housing units;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to report back to Council and Brant County Council by Fall 2021 with a summary of current City incentives for affordable rental and homeownership housing development which could be shared with potential developers; and
- B. THAT Staff conduct further research regarding other incentive options that may be considered.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor McCreary, Chair