

## **Priorities Committee Meeting\_Jan26\_2016**

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### **STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE**

#### **Mayor's Task Force on Community Housing Final Report**

##### **Report Purpose**

To provide the Priorities Committee with the final report and recommendations for the Mayor's Task Force on Community Housing. This report was preceded by an interim report on July 14, 2015. This report and its recommendations comprise the final deliverable for the Task Force, which is now disbanded.

##### **Council History**

Feb 10, 2015 - The Mayor's Task Force on Affordable Housing was struck by Council. Note that the title was changed to '*Community*' housing by the Task Force. Two Co-Chairs were appointed; Councillors Beland-Quest and Howatt.

July 14, 2015 –Task Force spokesperson Rudy Koop and project manager Ian McCormack provided an interim report to the Priorities Committee.

##### **Strategic Plan Priority Areas**

**Economy:** To support industrial and commercial employers' need for a stable work force, the County must have affordable and attractive homes in which many of those people can live.

In a time of economic uncertainty, any competitive advantage that the County can provide to employers will help them gain and retain staff, thereby mitigating the impact of negative economic cycles.

**Governance:** Land use is governed by Council, as is setting the vision of the community as '*Canada's Most Liveable Community*', in which community housing plays a vital role.

**Social:** Community housing spans the breadth of the housing continuum, from emergency shelters to home ownership, with transitional housing and home rental in between.

**Culture:** Community structure has a significant impact on culture.

**Environment:** With new residential development on the horizon, and gentrification of existing development already occurring, making conscious choices about density, housing types, mixes and locations is important.

##### **Other Impacts**

**Policy:** Policy updates are linked to several recommendations. Any policy changes are dependent on whether individual recommendations are approved.

**Legislative/Legal:** Legislative updates are linked to several recommendations. Any changes are dependent on whether individual recommendations are approved.

**Interdepartmental:** The Task Force has senior representation from PDS, CPIA and FCS. EDT has provided mapping and statistical analysis to support information about the current and near-future housing stock situation.

Depending on Council's desires for the recommendations of the Task Force, there will likely be other County departments and committees (i.e. Community Living Advisory Council) involved with implementation.

##### **Communication Plan**

This report is for information to Strathcona County's Priorities Committee, so the communication plan will depend on the Committee's action.

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Recommendations within the report, if accepted by the Committee and Council, will require action from County Administration. Actions associated with carrying out tasks indicated in the report will necessitate communication activities by the County.

The Task Force's spokespeople include the Mayor, the two Co-Chairs and one of the public members, Rudy Koop.

**Enclosure**

- 1 Mayor's Task Force on Community Housing - Final Report and Recommendations
- 2 ppt Mayor's Task Force on Community Housing - Final Report and Recommendations