

## Mayor's Task Force on Community Housing - Recommendations Update

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1.1	That Administration ensure that community housing is visibly tied into the County's Strategic Plan Goal 7 (Build strong neighbourhoods/communities to support the diverse needs of our residents).	Corporate Planning and Intergovernmental Affairs (CPIA)	Annual, Q1	On-going, as opportunities are presented.	On-going, as opportunities are presented.
1.2	That Administration work with Heartland Housing Foundation to support the Foundation in its efforts to create and host a non-market Housing Registry that may include a roommate registry component, and report back to Council on the results.	Heartland Housing Foundation (HHF)	Fall 2017	HHF is obtaining funds in order to develop a registry in Fall 2017.	HHF has an active registry website that went live in February 2019. <a href="https://www.home-connector.ca/housing-registry">https://www.home-connector.ca/housing-registry</a>

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2.2	That Administration work with Heartland Housing Foundation to bring, for Council's consideration, recommended targets for the number and types of non-market housing units to be achieved and the dates by which they will be achieved.	HHF	Q2 2016	The Heartland Housing Implementation Committee was established in 2016 and met for the first time on May 30, 2016. The committee looked at creating strategies that were sustainable and flexible to the needs of the community and continued to meet until 2017.	238 affordable housing units have been built in Strathcona County since 2016, including Silver Birch Haven and Clover Bar Lodge Replacement.  HHF and administration are bringing an update to PC October 22, 2020.
2.3	That Administration work with the Heartland Housing Foundation to facilitate faith, community and business groups in supporting low income families, and report to Council on the results.	Family and Community Services (FCS)	A renewed Social Framework was presented to Council on May 23, 2017.  BTG initiated in 2017 and presented to Council on May 23, 2017.	A partnership, called Bridging the Gap (BTG) was initiated in 2017 to create opportunities to support both second stage housing for women fleeing violence, and affordable housing for low income families in Strathcona County. A formal project plan and MOU will be developed over the summer of 2017 with a plan to have first families placed in the fall of 2017.	Bridging the Gap is an innovative partnership between Heartland Housing Foundation, Heartland Alliance Church, Sherwood Park Alliance Church, Hope in Strathcona, A Safe Place and FCS. The partnership has been operational since 2017 and provides support for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness by providing short-term housing subsidies, solution identification and wrap-around social services. In 2019, five families participated in the program.
2.4	That Administration explore options to coordinate with the Heartland Housing Foundation for the provision of non-market housing within the County, and report back to Council.	HHF	Recommendation provided to Council by February 2017	The Heartland Housing Implementation Committee was established in 2016 and met for the first time on May 30, 2016. The committee continues to meet on an on-going basis is looking at creating strategies that are sustainable and are flexible to the needs of the community.	Heartland Housing Foundation has been working with FCS and PDS to assess the current status of affordable housing in the County and will be co-presenting to Priorities Committee in October 2020 with options moving forward.

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2.5	That Administration prepare a report on options for increasing Habitat for Humanity development in Strathcona County	Planning and Development Services (PDS)	Report presented to Council by Q4 2016 along with, but separate from the Municipal Development Plan (MDP)	<p>The Habitat for Humanity Report was presented at July 12 Priorities Committee Meeting.</p> <p><a href="https://pub-strathcona.escribemeetings.com/Meeting?Id=151c9820-d99b-4717-9a0c-9e9adf67fbaf&amp;Agenda=Merged&amp;lang=English">https://pub-strathcona.escribemeetings.com/Meeting?Id=151c9820-d99b-4717-9a0c-9e9adf67fbaf&amp;Agenda=Merged&amp;lang=English</a></p> <p>No further action taken by Council.</p>	<p>On July 19, 2019, Council directed: <i>THAT administration prepare a report by the end of fourth quarter of 2019 on options for partnering with Habitat for Humanity to create more affordable housing in Strathcona County.</i></p> <p>The report was presented to Council in closed session on June 23, 2020.</p>
2.6	That Administration work with Heartland Housing Foundation to provide for hosting of an annual community housing consultation similar to that hosted by the Community Housing Task Force on June 25, 2015.	HHF	Consultation to be held annually in November	HHF hosted the second annual housing consultation in Fort Saskatchewan in late November 2017.	HHF has hosted the housing consultation annually. The consultation for 2020 will be re-envisioned moving forward.
2.7	That Administration explore options for using private/public partnerships to develop vacant public land into mixed use areas that may include non-market housing, market housing, siting for community-based organizations, or other municipal uses.	PDS	Report presented to Council by Q4 2016 (with the MDP, outlined in a separate report)	<p>The Potential Community Housing Sites Report was presented at the September 13, 2016 Council Meeting (in-camera).</p> <p>No further action taken.</p>	No further action taken.

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3.1	That Administration prepare a report identifying possible planning policy tools that can be implemented to help ensure developers provide various multiple housing types within all new residential neighbourhoods.	PDS	To coincide with the MDP update, Q4 2016 (outlined in a separate report)	<p>The Multiple Housing Types Report was presented at July 12 Priorities Committee Meeting.</p> <p><a href="https://pub-strathcona.escribemeetings.com/Meeting?Id=151c9820-d99b-4717-9a0c-9e9adf67fbaf&amp;Agenda=Merged&amp;lang=English">https://pub-strathcona.escribemeetings.com/Meeting?Id=151c9820-d99b-4717-9a0c-9e9adf67fbaf&amp;Agenda=Merged&amp;lang=English</a></p> <p>No further action taken.</p>	The new MDP has been revised to ensure new neighbourhoods address multiple housing types, therefore further statutory plans will need to include this.
3.2	That Council continue to support the Mature Neighbourhood Strategy as it adapts existing neighbourhoods to a changing environment.	PDS	Strategies presented to Council by September 2016	<p>Residents had the opportunity to speak about the proposed Mature Neighbourhood Overlay at the Public Hearing on July 19, 2016.</p> <p>The Mature Neighbourhood Overlay was adopted by Council at the September 13, 2016 Council Meeting and took effect on November 1, 2016.</p> <p><a href="http://www.strathcona.ca/departments/planning-development-services/special-projects-initiatives/mature-neighbourhood-strategy/">http://www.strathcona.ca/departments/planning-development-services/special-projects-initiatives/mature-neighbourhood-strategy/</a></p>	The Mature Neighbourhood Overlay continues to be in effect.

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3.3	That Administration conduct a review of the costs of getting community housing developments approved with the goal of increasing non-market housing development, and report back to Council.	PDS	Results of review provided to Council by Q4 2016	<p>The Developer Incentives Report was presented at July 12, 2016 Priorities Committee Meeting.</p> <p><a href="https://pub-strathcona.escribemeetings.com/Meeting?Id=151c9820-d99b-4717-9a0c-9e9adf67fbaf&amp;Agenda=Merged&amp;lang=English">https://pub-strathcona.escribemeetings.com/Meeting?Id=151c9820-d99b-4717-9a0c-9e9adf67fbaf&amp;Agenda=Merged&amp;lang=English</a></p> <p>No further action taken.</p>	No further action taken.

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4.1	That Administration provide a report outlining current policies with regards to land use planning and engineering, and how these current policies support transit service routes within the Sherwood Park Urban Service Area.	Strathcona County Transit (SCT)	Any necessary legislative changes provided to Council by June 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Municipal Development Plan (MDP)</u>: Transit worked with PDS to include more transit-supportive policies and encourage transit-friendly developments.</li> <li>• <u>Area Structure Plan (ASP)</u>: Worked with PDS to include Transit's input, as some ASPs provide specific recommendations (such as bus stop locations) to ensure future transit access.</li> <li>• <u>Integrated Transportation Master Plan (ITMP)</u>: Provides guidance for the overall transportation policies and plans that encourages increased transit use.</li> <li>• <u>Design and Construction Standards</u>: Transit provided comments to CPC regarding bus stop standards and design requirements to ensure service accessibility and safe operations.</li> <li>• <u>Traffic Bylaw</u>: Provisions are provided for bus stops and parking to ensure safe operations and passenger access.</li> <li>• <u>Transit Master Plan (TMP)</u>: This document provides a foundation for transit service development from 2012-2021 and includes service standards and guidelines that guide service design and provision in the community to ensure service access, convenience, reliability, quality, performance and safety.</li> </ul>	<p>The Transit Master Plan was released in December 2018 and includes service standards and guidelines that guide service design and provision in the community to ensure service access, convenience, reliability, quality, performance and safety.</p> <p>The Everybody Rides program, administered by FCS, provides affordable transit pass options for low-income families.</p> <p>Transit and PDS collaborate on all major plans for new neighbourhoods, including the new Hillshire, Cambrian and Bremner developments.</p>

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4.2	That Administration provide a report outlining the barriers perceived by the development industry with respect to community housing (i.e. servicing standards, parking regulations) and include recommended solutions and possible incentives to encourage community housing development.	PDS	To coincide with the MDP update, Q4 2016	<p>The Developer Incentives Report was presented at July 12, 2016 Priorities Committee Meeting.</p> <p><a href="https://pub-strathcona.escribemeetings.com/Meeting?Id=151c9820-d99b-4717-9a0c-9e9adf67fbaf&amp;Agenda=Merged&amp;lang=English">https://pub-strathcona.escribemeetings.com/Meeting?Id=151c9820-d99b-4717-9a0c-9e9adf67fbaf&amp;Agenda=Merged&amp;lang=English</a></p> <p>No further action taken.</p>	No further action taken.

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5.1	That Administration seek opportunities for provincial and federal funding to continue with community housing programs, either alone or in conjunction with Capital Region Board partners and provide reports to Council on any such opportunities.	CPIA	Ongoing with annual report to Council	<p><u>Provincial Update:</u> Alberta's Provincial Affordable Housing Strategy was announced in 2017. The province committed to investing \$1.2 billion in affordable housing over the next five years.</p> <p>The 2017 provincial budget allocated \$32.4 million in funding for the Clover Bar Lodge replacement.</p> <p><u>Federal Update:</u> In 2017, the National Housing Strategy (NHS) was launched with a 10-year plan and a \$40 billion investment. The NHS prioritizes the social sector, housing that exceeds mandatory minimum requirements, and partnerships between governments, non-profits, co-operatives, academics, and the for-profit sector.</p>	<p><u>Provincial Update:</u> In 2020, the province launched an Affordable Housing Review Panel with a mandate to analyze market trends and projections, compare approaches to housing in other provinces and consider supports for Albertans in critical housing need. New funding for affordable housing is on hold, pending results of the review.</p> <p><u>Federal Update:</u> In 2020, the federal government, in partnership with the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation, launched a Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI). The \$1 billion investment will address urgent housing needs across Canada as a result of COVID-19 and will be available to municipalities, provinces, territories, Indigenous governing bodies and organizations, and non-profit organizations.</p> <p>In 2019, the NHS became a 10-year \$55+ billion plan to address housing needs.</p> <p>Intergovernmental Affairs continues to monitor provincial and federal opportunities.</p>



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5.2	That Administration include a question on the municipal census on income, so that aggregate numbers and ages of low-income people are known, and services can be tailored to them.	CPIA	2018 Census	The 2016 Federal Census included income information broken down at the regional level.	Municipal censuses prior to 2020 did not include a question on household income. The municipal census for 2020 would have included a question on household income and was cancelled due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The next municipal census will include a question on household income.
5.3	That Strathcona County offer to host a Capital Region Housing Symposium in 2016 or 2017.	Council	Council decision by March 2016	<p>The 2016 Housing Symposium was hosted by Morinville. Councillor Carla Howatt and Lynn Olenek, from Heartland Housing Foundation, presented a breakout session about the Mayor's Task Force on Community Housing and implementation during the symposium.</p> <p>The Capital Region Board (CRB) Housing Committee did not hold a Housing Symposium in 2017, due to the municipal elections.</p> <p>In 2017, the CRB transitioned to the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board (EMRB) and discontinued the housing symposiums.</p>	The EMRB continues to connect municipalities regionally.