

Community Housing Implementation Plan

	Recommendation	Implementation Lead	Key Date	Update June 2016
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.
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)	Report to Council by September 2016	<p>Research underway to identify similar existing housing registries.</p> <p>Initial conversations with the Information and Volunteer Centre (IVC) because they are interested in a wider-scope housing registry.</p> <p>HHF worked with the County, Chamber, and IVC to compile and publish links to rental housing listings to accommodate Wood Buffalo evacuees.</p>
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	Targets presented to Council by October 2016	HHF Housing Implementation Committee met for the first time on May 30, 2016. This topic was introduced.
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)	Low income adoption program presented to Council by November 2016	Faith, community and business groups are members of HHF's Housing Implementation Committee. Because HHF works within the sub-region, some members are from the City of Fort Saskatchewan.

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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	<p>This is the core purpose of the HHF Implementation Committee. See attached list of committee members.</p> <p>As with other recommendations being managed by HHF, this is being approached as a sub-regional effort.</p>
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)	Community Housing Implementation Plan Habitat for Humanity Report to be presented at July 12, 2016 Priorities Committee Meeting.
2.6	That Administration work with Heartland Housing Foundation to provide for the hosting of an annual community housing consultation similar to that hosted by the Community Housing Task Force on June 25, 2015.	HHF	Consultation held in November 2016 (Housing Month)	<p>The HHF Housing Implementation Committee is in agreement with hosting a housing consultation in November. Since a large amount of work will be done prior to that event, the structure of the November consultation may be more of a check-in than a brainstorm session.</p> <p>Consultation with groups and individuals will occur throughout the lifespan of the HHF Housing Implementation Committee.</p>

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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)	Community Housing Implementation Plan Potential Community Housing Sites Report to be presented at September 13, 2016 Council Meeting (In-Camera).
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)	Community Housing Implementation Plan Multiple Housing Types Report to be presented at July 12, 2016 Priorities Committee Meeting.

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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>The Mature Neighbourhood Strategy Citizens' Task Force has now completed the draft Mature Neighbourhood Overlay. The draft Mature Neighbourhood Overlay, part of Phase 2 of the Mature Neighbourhood Strategy, includes regulations to ensure future development respects and maintains the established overall character within mature neighbourhoods. It incorporates information from the Urban Form and Architectural Character Assessment, accepted by Council in 2015.</p> <p>Residents were encouraged to attend one of two open houses held on April 27 and 28, 2016 where the draft was presented. Input as part of the public engagement summary has been considered in the final draft of the proposed Mature Neighbourhood Overlay. Residents will have an opportunity to speak on the proposed Overlay to Council at a Public Hearing to be scheduled July 19, 2016.</p>
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.	Community Housing Implementation Plan <i>Developer Incentives Report</i> to be presented at July 12, 2016 Priorities Committee Meeting.

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4.1	That Administration provide a report outlining current policies with regard 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"> • Municipal Development Plan (MDP): In progress. Working with PDS to include more transit-supportive policies, which will encourage transit-friendly developments. This document will give developers information about transit requirements for new developments. • Area Structure Plan (ASP): With Transit's input, some ASPs provide specific recommendations (such as bus stop locations) for transit to ensure future transit access. • Integrated Transportation Master Plan (ITMP): Provides guidance for the overall transportation policies and plans that encourage increased transit use. • Design and Construction Standards: In progress. Transit provided comments to Capital Planning and Construction (CPC) regarding bus stop standards and design requirements to ensure service accessibility and safe operations. • Traffic Bylaw: Provisions are provided for bus stops and parking to ensure safe operations and passenger access. • Transit Master Plan (TMP): Soon to be in progress. This document provides a foundation for transit service development from 2012-2021 and includes service standards and guidelines that inform service design and provision in the community to ensure service access, convenience, reliability, quality, performance and safety.

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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	Community Housing Implementation Plan <i>Developer Incentives Report</i> to be presented at July 12, 2016 Priorities Committee Meeting.

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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>CRB - Our Affordable Future Challenge will select up to three market affordable housing projects intending to pursue Market Affordable Housing, as defined by the CRB.</p> <p><u>Government of Alberta:</u> Currently undertaking a provincial affordable housing strategy.</p> <p>2016 Provincial Budget provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$230 million for programs delivered by the Alberta Social Housing Corporation • \$94 million for seniors housing • \$67 million for the rental assistance program <p><u>Federal Government:</u> Will be developing a National Housing Strategy over the next two years. Focus will be not just on low income/affordable housing, but looking at the housing spectrum.</p> <p>2016 Federal Budget allocated \$2.3 billion over two years for affordable housing, this includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$504 million to double the Affordable Housing Initiative • \$200 million to improve access for seniors to affordable housing • \$574 million in retrofits for existing social housing • \$208 million over 5 years in the newly created Affordable Rental Housing Innovation Fund, administered through CMHC • \$111.8 million to strengthen Homelessness Partnering Strategy • \$89.9 million to support shelters for victims of family violence.

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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	Next municipal census is 2018; changes to questions done in consultation with LLS. Federal Census completed 2016; can anticipate income information within 18 months.
5.3	That Strathcona County offer to host a Capital Region Housing Symposium in 2016 or 2017.	Council	Council decision by March 2016	2016 Housing Symposium to be hosted by Morinville. Decision about 2017 Symposium anticipated in Q1 2017. Committee representative will be able to explore this opportunity through Housing Committee meetings.

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