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STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE

Community Housing Implementation Plan and Heartland Housing Foundation Update

Report Purpose

To provide the Priorities Committee with a status update of the approved recommendations of the Mayor's Task Force on Community Housing, as well as an update from Heartland Housing Foundation about recent projects.

Council History

January 26, 2016 - The Mayor's Task Force on Community Housing final report was presented at the Priorities Committee Meeting.

February 11, 2016 - The Community Housing final report was brought forward to Council for consideration. Council directed Administration to create an implementation plan for the recommendations for Council's consideration.

April 26, 2016 - Administration proposed the Housing Implementation Plan for the recommendations of the task force. Council amended and approved the implementation plan for the recommendations developed by the task force. Direction was given to provide regular updates to Council about the progress in implementing the recommendations from the report.

July 12, 2016 - The first update of the Community Housing Implementation Plan was provided to Priorities Committee. As well, several Community Housing Implementation Plan reports, which were a result of the Task Force recommendations, were also presented at this Priorities Committee meeting; they included Habitat for Humanity, Developer Incentives and Multiple Housing Types.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: To support industrial, commercial and small business needs for a stable work force, Strathcona County must have affordable and attractive homes in which many of those people can live.

Governance: Land use is governed by Council, as is setting the vision of "Canada's Most Liveable Community".

Social: Community housing spans the breadth of the housing continuum in order to meet the housing needs of all residents, from emergency shelters to home ownership, with transitional housing and home rentals in between.

Culture: Community structure has significant impact on culture.

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

Other Impacts

Policy: Policy updates are linked to several recommendations and any policy changes will be identified through the specific actions required to complete the recommendations.

Legislative/Legal: Legislative updates are linked to several recommendations and will be identified through the specific actions required to complete the recommendations.

Interdepartmental: Executive Team, Planning and Development Services, Family and Community Services, Corporate Planning and Intergovernmental Affairs, and Strathcona County Transit

Summary

An internal Community Housing Implementation Committee was formed in spring 2016, consisting of applicable departments and Kevin Glebe, Associate Commissioner, Infrastructure and Planning Services, Gord Johnston, Associate Commissioner, Community Services, along with Heartland Housing Foundation Executive Director, Lynn Olenek. The purpose of this committee is to ensure that the sixteen recommendations are implemented, operationalized and monitored, as well as to provide on-going communication and collaboration around the housing issues related to these recommendations.

The first recommendation from the Task Force is to ensure that community housing is visibly tied to Goal 7 of the County's Strategic Plan: build strong neighbourhoods/communities to support the diverse needs of our residents. Council, once a year, revisits the prioritized strategic goals. This will happen next in January 2017.

Also aligned with Strathcona County's Strategic Plan is the renewed social framework, which will help to provide overall direction to social planning and decision making. Due to the interconnectedness with the social framework renewal and community housing, it is an opportune time to provide an update about the community consultation for the social framework renewal, which began in October 2016.

Heartland Housing Foundation (HHF) plays an integral role in community housing and leads the implementation of four of the Task Force's recommendations. HHF will provide an update to Priorities Committee about the HHF Housing Implementation Committee, as well as current and upcoming HHF projects.

Communication Plan

Actions associated with the recommendations will necessitate communication and will be completed as required. Appropriate communication methods and timelines will be determined by the specific actions related to the recommendations.

Enclosure

- 1 Community Housing Recommendations Chart
- 2 Presentation to Strathcona County Priorities Committee November 22, 2016