

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Date: June 13, 2023
To: Social Services Sub-committee
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Report #: SOC23-020
Attachments: Housing and Homelessness Plan 2022 Annual Report Content

Title: 2022 Annual Report (Year 9) – Housing and Homelessness Plan for Stratford, Perth County, and St. Marys

Objective: To present the 2022 Annual Report (Year 9) for the Housing and Homelessness Plan for Stratford, Perth County, and St. Marys.

Background: In accordance with the *Housing Services Act, 2011*, the City of Stratford (as Service Manager for Stratford, Perth County, and St. Marys) is required to produce an Annual Report on the community's accomplishments in implementing its Housing and Homelessness Plan. Attached is a report detailing the content of the 2022 Annual Report.

Analysis: Achievements in the ninth year of the Housing and Homeless Plan included:

- Moving 52 households that were experiencing homelessness into permanent housing;
- Moving 55 households on the Centralized Waiting List into permanent rent-geared-to-income housing;
- Providing 322 households with some form of rent support (e.g. housing allowance, rent supplement) to subsidize the cost of rental housing;
- Providing 419 households with homeless prevention supports;
- Leveraged over \$1.2 million for improvements at community housing properties and \$200,000 for transitional funding for housing providers approaching the end of operating agreements;
- Continued construction on Britannia 2 and began accepting applications for occupancy in early 2023;
- Hired Community Developers throughout the service area to provide case management based on specific, individual needs and implement projects based on demonstrated demand.

**Numbers are not mutually exclusive.*

Financial Impact: There is no new or additional financial impact for the City associated with this report.

Alignment with Strategic Priorities

Strengthening our Plans, Strategies and Partnerships

Partnering with the community to make plans for our collective priorities in arts, culture, heritage, and more. Communicating clearly with the public around our plans and activities.

Developing our Resources

Optimizing Stratford's physical assets and digital resources. Planning a sustainable future for Stratford's resources and environment.

Alignment with One Planet Principles

Health and Happiness

Encouraging active, social, meaningful lives to promote good health and wellbeing.

Equity and Local Economy

Creating safe, equitable places to live and work which support local prosperity and international fair trade.

Staff Recommendation: THAT the report titled, "2022 Annual Report (Year 9) – Housing and Homelessness Plan for Stratford, Perth County, and St. Marys" (SOC23-020), be received for information.

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