

Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (2019-2022) and City Capital Investment Plan for Affordable Housing (2019)

ACS2019-CSS-GEN-0008

City Wide

Report Recommendations

That Planning Committee recommend Council approve:

1. That the Director, Housing Services be delegated the authority to approve the City's Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative Investment Plan, which sets out the details of the program and spending plan outlined in this report and submit it to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
2. That in the event additional funding becomes available under the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative due to any reallocation by the Ministry, the Director, Housing Services, be delegated authority to amend the Investment Plan and allocate the additional funding in keeping with the process outlined in this report.
3. That upon receipt of funding from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, that Housing Services deliver the capital Rental Housing Component of the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative as follows:
 - a. Housing Services staff be directed to proceed with Request for Proposals (RFP's), that meet the requirements of the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative program as well as the Action Ottawa Guidelines, based on priorities and programs identified in this report to allocate Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative funding for Years 1, 2 and 3 of the Program;

- b. The Director, Housing Services, be delegated authority to submit the proposal for each affordable housing rental project to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing following the RFP Process and request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's approval of same;
 - c. The Director, Housing Services secure the provision of affordable rental housing units with a 30 year affordability term and register on title to each Rental Housing project a contribution agreement and mortgage as described in this report;
- 4. That upon receipt of funding from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, that the Director, Housing Services:
 - a. deliver the Ontario Renovates Component of the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative as approved by Council in 2015 (Report [ACS2015-COS-CSS-0005](#)) and 2016 (Report [ACS2016-CSS-GEN-0002](#)); and
 - b. expand the eligibility requirements such that Ontario Renovates funding is also available to social housing providers, as permitted under the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative, for accessibility-related modifications.
- 5. That the \$15 million in City capital funds approved by Council in the 2019 City Budget from the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund, be allocated by the Director, Housing Services to support the creation of new affordable housing through conditional capital contributions and contributions in lieu of building permit and school board fees, non-exempt planning fees, accessibility grants and to provide a project contingency fund, subject to the said conditional contributions being included in a contribution agreement between the City and each housing provider/proponent selected by the Action Ottawa Selection Committee under the RFP Process and that of the \$15 million:
 - a. Up to \$5 million, of funding that has yet to be committed, be allocated in the form of repayable short-term contributions to not for profit and/or charitable housing providers for a period of up to 18 months for the purpose of securing long-term affordable housing,

subject to the terms and conditions set out in this report; and

- b. Up to \$2 million, out of the \$15 million in City capital funds, be allocated for predevelopment activities to prepare surplus lands owned by the City and by not for profit and charitable housing providers with the said conditional contributions being included in a contribution agreement between the City and each housing provider selected by the Action Ottawa Selection Committee under the RFP Process

Motion N° PLC 2019 9/2

Moved by Vice-chair T. Tierney

WHEREAS Table 4 of the staff report contains inconsistencies and should refer to Planned Commitments for Year 1 (2019-20), Year 2 (2020-21) and Year 3 (2021-22);

WHEREAS the total capital allocation in Table 4 for the Provincial/Federal Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative is shown as \$12,564,850 and should result in a sum of \$14,581,728; and

WHEREAS the Total Capital Allocation in Table 4 is shown as \$28,734,850 and should correctly total \$30,751,728; and

WHEREAS this error is reflected on pages 6, 7 and 13 of the report where reference is made to a total capital commitment for New Construction or Acquisition of \$28.7 million that should be \$30.7 million; and

WHEREAS these inconsistencies do not affect the recommendations or objectives of the report to allocate a total of \$32,689,322 in affordable housing funding over the next three years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Planning Committee amend the staff report before it rises to Council to correct Table 4 to refer to Year 1 (2019-2020), Year 2 (2020-21) and Year 3 (2021-22) and replace the total capital allocation for new construction from the Provincial/Federal Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative from \$12,564,850 to \$14,581,728 and the Total Capital Allocation from \$28,734,850 to \$30,751,728 and that references to \$28.7 million on pages 6,7 and 13 be replaced with \$30.7 million.

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CARRIED

Planning Committee CARRIED the report as amended by Motion N° 9/2.