



**Ottawa City Council**

**22 February 2017**

**Andrew S. Haydon Hall**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Disposition of Items Approved by Committees under Delegated Authority**

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For the information of Council, the following item was approved by the Community and Protective Services Committee under Delegated Authority, at its meeting of February 16<sup>th</sup> 2017:

ADDITIONAL ITEM

8. NATIONAL HOUSING STRATEGY ADVOCACY ACTION

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**MOTION**

Moved by Councillor Deans

**That, pursuant to Subsection 89(3) of Procedure By-law 2016-377, the Community and Protective Services Committee approve the addition of this item for consideration by the Committee at today's meeting in order that the Committee may express the importance of housing investments and support the requests staff have previously been working on prior to the Federal Budget being released at the end of February 2017.**

CARRIED

**MOTION**

Moved by Councillor Deans

**WHEREAS the federal government made a commitment in Budget 2016 to engage Canadians on how to improve housing and build on the federal role in meeting housing needs and to releasing a comprehensive National Housing Strategy (NHS) in 2017; and**

**WHEREAS the federal government has consulted on a NHS with all levels of government, Indigenous governments and organizations, the private and not for profit sectors, cooperative and community-based sectors, housing experts, academia and individual Canadians and is expected to provide an update in the 2017-18 federal budget announcement; and**

**WHEREAS the development of a NHS must recognize that the housing circumstances present different or distinct housing needs and challenges across different communities; and**

**WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has an annual shortfall of \$22M required in Social Housing Repairs and demand for affordable housing continues to exceed available funding; and**

**WHEREAS federal investment in local social and affordable housing initiatives has never reached pre-1990 levels; and**

**WHEREAS the end of federal operating agreements are placing social housing units and the families that reside in them at risk; and**

**WHEREAS the City of Ottawa continues to experience increased demand for affordable and supportive housing from youth, single men and women, seniors and families that requires increasing and ongoing capital and operating funding; and**

**WHEREAS to eliminate chronic homelessness, our most vulnerable individuals and households require both maintaining and increasing funding for the federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Community and Protective Services Committee approve that the Chair of the Community and Protective Services Committee and the General Manager of Community and Social Services write a**

letter on behalf of the Committee to the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister responsible for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation supporting specific actions that advance the development of new affordable housing options for low income households and individuals in Ottawa, including the following:

- a) **Maintaining the \$30M for existing Social Housing agreements due to expire and ensuring municipalities have flexibility to invest funding in their communities based on need;**
- b) **Tripling the City's current allocation under the Investing in Affordable Housing program to approximately \$200M;**
- c) **Expanding the funding for Social Housing repairs to address the annual \$22M for deferred maintenance; and**
- d) **Maintaining and expanding on the recent increase in the federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy.**

CARRIED

**DIRECTION TO STAFF:**

That the Chair of the Community and Protective Services Committee and the General Manager of Community and Social Services ensure that Indigenous and Inuit housing concerns are addressed in the letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.