

Joint Social and Housing Services Advisory Committee

REPORT JAC2025-04

Meeting Date: February 19, 2025

Meeting Time: 1:30 p.m.

Meeting Place: County of Haliburton Council Chambers, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden and Electronic Video Meeting

Subject: Housing Services Manager Report

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Recommendation(s):

Resolved That Report JAC2024-04, "Housing Services Manager Report", be received.

Director

Other

Background:

This report outlines program updates, key milestones and initiatives that have recently occurred or are currently underway within the Human Services Department and pertain to the role of Service Manager for Housing and Homelessness.

Federal/Provincial Updates:

Last Mile Funding

On December 12th, the Province issued a news release announcing an investment of \$75.5 million to eliminate encampments. This funding was largely available through a competitive application process available to all Service Managers, divided into the following three streams:

- \$5.5 Million to top-up the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB)
- \$20 Million to expand shelter capacity and create additional temporary accommodation spaces
- \$50 Million in last-mile funding for ready-to-build long-term affordable housing projects

In order for municipalities to be considered for additional funding, the Ministry must receive a written pledge from the local Service Manager to use the funds towards ending encampments. The City was also informed that we were not eligible to receive a top-up to our COHB allocation.

Staff opted not to use the sample pledge letter and submitted a pledge letter that supported a housing-focused approach to ending homelessness. This pledge letter was submitted along with three business cases seeking funding towards three current development projects.

On January 27th, the City was informed that our application for last-mile funding was successful for two of the three business cases, supporting a total of 16 units with additional capital funding.

Staff are working through the next steps in order to meet the required timelines associated with the funding.

The details of this funding are to remain confidential until the City and the Province co-ordinates the official announcement of these funds. It is expected that the City will not discuss the project publically until the announcement is made.

Emergency Treatment Fund Funding Application

Further to JAC report JAC2024-007, the City was informed in January that the application for the Emergency Treatment Fund was not successful.

Homelessness Addiction Recovery and Treatment Hub funding application

Further to JAC report JAC2024-006, the City was informed from that the joint funding application between Ross Memorial Hospital and the City was not successful.

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