

INFORMATION NOTE

Title: Healthy Cities Strategy

Date Prepared: July 20, 2020

Report To: Affordable Housing Working Group

Councillor and Role: Deputy City Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary

Ward: N/A

Issue: Developing a Healthy Cities Strategy

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

In 2018, the St. John's City Council approved and gave directive to plan and develop a Healthy City Strategy for St. John's. A Healthy City Strategy will be the City's long-term plan to improve physical, mental, social and environmental conditions that impact people's health. Through the Healthy City Strategy, the City of St. John's is seeking the input from experts on what we've identified as the pillars, goals, assets and implementation strategies to support a healthy city.

We would like to review and discuss the section on Housing with the Affordable Housing Working Group, as experts in the field, to ensure that the Healthy City Strategy aligns with the language and work happening in community around housing. The Healthy Communities Fieldworker would like to hold a TEAMS meeting with the AHWG on August 19th at 11:00am. More information about the housing section of the healthy city strategy will be circulated to members with the meeting invite for review prior to the meeting.

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications: Funding is already allocated for 2020 Affordable Housing objectives.
2. Partners or Other Stakeholders: The City's Affordable Housing Strategy was built upon public and strategic stakeholder engagement, and the implementation continues to be guided and shaped by multi-stakeholder partnerships and processes.
3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans: The Affordable Housing Strategy aligns with the Strategic Plan's vision and directions. Affordable Housing implementations actions work in tandem with the Municipal Plan and Development Regulations.
4. Legal or Policy Implications: No legal implications.

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5. Privacy Implications: None anticipated at this time.
6. Engagement and Communications Considerations: The City's Communications and OPS departments are aware, involved and very supportive of the work being completed under the Affordable Housing Strategy.
7. Human Resource Implications: None anticipated at this time.
8. Procurement Implications: None anticipated at this time.
9. Information Technology Implications: None anticipated at this time.
10. Other Implications: None anticipated at this time.

Conclusion/Next Steps: Informing the AHWG of a request for input from the Family and Leisure Services Division.

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