

# INFORMATION NOTE

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**Title:** Housing Partnerships and Models

**Date Prepared:** July 20th, 2020

**Report To:** Affordable Housing Working Group

**Councillor and Role:** Deputy City Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary

**Ward:** N/A

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**Issue:** Housing Partnerships and Models

## **Discussion – Background and Current Status:**

At the Committee of the Whole Meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup> Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary provided the following update on the City's housing units and vacancy rates:

Since the media blitz on February 20, fourteen individuals and/or families have been housed. There is work being done on several units at Forest Road and Riverhead Towers. When these units are rent ready there will be a campaign to further promote those vacancies.

The City maintains a wait list however the list is mostly for the rent geared to income units whereas vacancies are concentrated in the 3-4 bedroom lower end of market (LEM) units.

Deputy Mayor O'Leary requested that at the next meeting of the Affordable Housing Working Group an addition is made to the agenda to 'discuss creative ways to ensure housing units are accessible to the people who need them'.

We would like to invite suggestions from the AHWG for creative partnerships and models to consider with respect to this part of the City's housing portfolio (LEM, 3-4 bedroom units).

## **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

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implementations actions work in tandem with the Municipal Plan and Development Regulations.

4. Legal or Policy Implications: No legal implications.
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:** We would like to discuss creative partnerships and models to consider

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