

# INFORMATION NOTE

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**Title:** Affordable Housing Strategy Annual Update

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**Report To:** Committee of the Whole

**Councillor and Role:** Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary, Housing Champion

**Ward:** All Wards

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**Issue:**

Provide Council with a one-year update on the City of St. John's Affordable Housing Strategy 2019-2028

**Discussion – Background and Current Status:**

The City of St. John's approved the Affordable Housing Strategy, 2019-2028, in November 2018. The strategy will address the municipality's housing needs by working in step with partners, stakeholders and residents to create and maintain safe, suitable and affordable housing throughout the city. Attached is an update on the Affordable Housing Strategy's first year and main areas of work.

**Key Considerations/Implications:**

1. Budget/Financial Implications: Initiatives are outlined annually and considered within the budget planning process.
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: N/A
5. Privacy Implications: N/A
6. Engagement and Communications Considerations: An engagement process was carried out in the development of the Affordable Housing Strategy. Engagement processes continue to be carried out as required in relation to implementation actions.

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7. Human Resource Implications: N/A
8. Procurement Implications: All purchasing of materials, supplies, equipment and services go through the Purchasing Department on a competitive basis, where possible and practical, at the lowest relative cost taking into consideration price, availability, quality and past performance.
9. Information Technology Implications: N/A
10. Other Implications: N/A

**Conclusion/ Next Steps:**

Planning has begun for 2020, to progress initiatives in the Affordable Housing Strategy

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**Attachments:** Affordable Housing Strategy Annual Update 2019