

INFORMATION NOTE

Title: NIMBY Toolkit Update

Date of Meeting: February 12th, 2020

Report To: Committee of the Whole

Councillor and Role: Deputy City Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary

Ward: All Wards

Issue: NIMBY toolkit Update

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

The Not-In-My- Backyard (NIMBY) Toolkit contains valuable information that aims to equip “housing proponents” - developers, municipalities and community-based service providers - with comprehensive and proactive approaches to address the NIMBY phenomena. The toolkit was published in 2013 by the Canadian Home Builders' Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (CHBANL). It was funded by the City of St. John's through the Government of Canada's Homelessness Partnering Strategy.

The Affordable Housing Working Group determined there was value in updating the NIMBY toolkit to include new case studies, an updated contact list and a revised CSJ planning process chart. The updates are now complete. The new revised document has been uploaded on the CHBANL website and is linked on the City of St. John's website under publications> housing. A workshop on the NIMBY toolkit and a relaunch event are being planned for May 2020.

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:

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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 supportive of the work being completed under the Affordable Housing Strategy. Communications completed the layout of the NIMBY toolkit update.

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: The updated NIMBY toolkit has been uploaded and a workshop and relaunch event are being planned for May.

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Attachments: NIMBY Toolkit Update

