

INFORMATION NOTE

Title: Shelters

Date Prepared: February 17th, 2020

Report To: Affordable Housing Working Group

Councillor and Role: Deputy City Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary

Ward: N/A

Issue: Emergency Shelters

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

As discussed at our most recent AHWG meeting, Council requested that there be a discussion with members of the Affordable Housing Working Group around what the City's interaction with emergency shelters is and what it could or should be. Our working group discussed advocacy efforts. It was determined that while End Homelessness St. John's continues to lead the discussions on the state of emergency shelters, as the system planning organization for St. John's, the AHWG saw value in providing advocacy points with recommendations to support Council.

We would like to discuss the attached with members of the AHWG and confirm that these points suffice as a guide on this topic.

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.

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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 have a discussion on the topic of emergency shelters.

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Attachments: