



## Committee Report

**To:** Councillor Mark Goetz, Chair and  
Members of the Human Services Committee

**From:** Tina Metcalfe  
Director of Human Services

**Date:** August 3, 2023

**Re:** Q2-2023 Bruce County Community Housing Registry Waitlist Update

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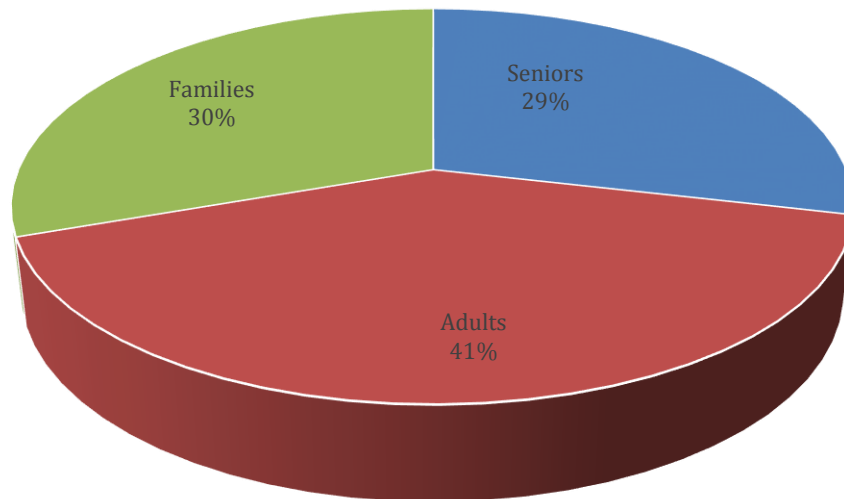
### Staff Recommendation:

The Q2-2023 Bruce County Community Housing Registry Waitlist Update Report is for information.

### Background:

The following Bruce County Housing Registry waitlist update is for the period January 1, 2023, to June 30, 2023. There are currently 1093 applicants on the waitlist: 1046 rent-geared-to-income (RGI), and 47 market rent applications. There are 332 families, 448 adults, and 131 senior applications on the waitlist. There have been 15 applicants housed between January 1, 2023, and June 30, 2023.

Waitlist Applicant Breakdown  
(June 2023)



■ Seniors ■ Adults ■ Families

Below is the year-to-year comparison between 2022 and 2023:

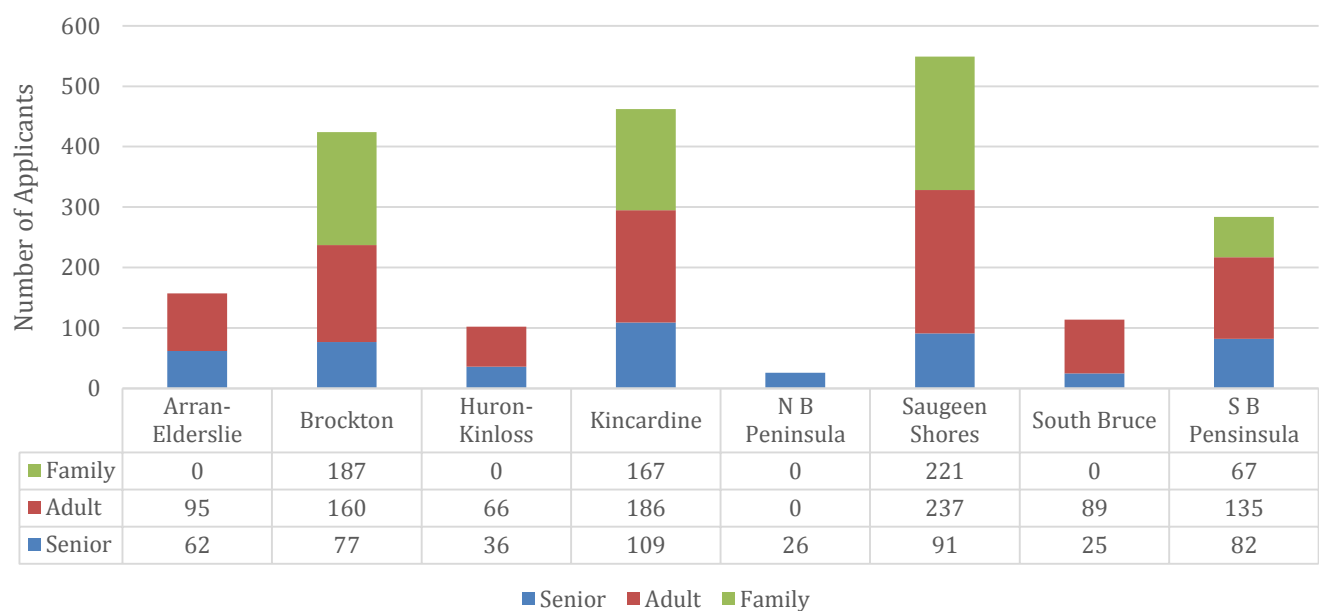
	As of June 30, 2022	As of June 30, 2023	Variance in Number of Households (year over year)	Percentage change in Number of Households (year over year)
Total Applicants	843	1093	250	29%
RGI Applicants	790	1046	256	32%
Market Applicants	53	47	-6	-11%
Families	247	332	85	34%
Adults	321	448	127	29%
Seniors	275	313	38	13%

The waitlist has increased year over year and staff work diligently to ensure units are turned over and offered to applicants in a timely matter.

Due to the fire at 308 John Street in December 2022, 17 tenants have been relocated to vacant units across Bruce County Housing Corporation's portfolio. This has delayed the rate at which units are being filled. Staff anticipate a large number of units will be available for individuals when 308 John St. is approved for occupancy and tenants move back in.

It is important to note that 6% of the waitlist are currently receiving a rental subsidy or other housing support while they wait for a rent-geared-to-income unit. Also, over 30% of individuals or families on the waitlist currently live outside of Bruce County. It is understood this is a trend happening across the province. Staff have determined few applicants accept units in Bruce County unless they have family connections or other roots in the community.

Registry Breakdown by Applicant Type and Municipality  
(June 2023)



Where there are zeros in the chart above, it should be noted that the type of house indicated does not exist in the specific area.

**Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:**

There are no financial, staffing, legal or IT considerations associated with this report.

**Interdepartmental Consultation:**

There was no specific interdepartmental consultation associated with this report.

**Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:**

Goal #1 Build a strong and inclusive community

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