



Staff Report to Council - for Information

Title: Housing & Homelessness Plan 2023 Progress Report

From: Tina Metcalfe, Director Human Services

Date: July 4, 2024

Report Number: HS-2024-017

Report Purpose:

This report is for information.

Report Summary:

As a requirement of the Housing Services Act (HSA), 2011, Bruce County, as Service Manager is required to develop, approve, and report on Housing & Homelessness Plans.

The HSA stipulates that, Service Managers are required to submit annual progress reports on their plans to the Ministry and make the report public.

The progress report highlights major accomplishments in 2023 and on-going work to be completed in 2024.

Background:

The progress report highlights major accomplishments in 2023, including research on a senior's home sharing program and becoming a Built for Zero community.

Other upcoming initiatives are also highlighted in the progress report including the development of the 2024-2034 Housing & Homelessness Strategy and the release of the Housing Action Plan in partnership with the Community Development Office.

Staff continue to participate in several action tables, including the Grey Bruce Homelessness Response Steering Committee, the Housing Action Table of the Community Safety and Wellbeing Advisory Table and the Poverty Task Force.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

All financial considerations are included in the 2023 budget. The plan will guide the allocation of funds and resources in the preparation of the 2024 budget and business planning.

Existing staff resources will be used to implement the plan.

It is a requirement of the Housing Service Act, 2011 to review the plan and provide an update to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing every five years, as well as a yearly progress report.

There are no IT considerations associated with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

Staff consulted with the Government Relations Office for assistance with the development of the progress report.

Link to Strategic Goals and Objectives:

Community and Partnerships - Build a strong and inclusive community

Link to Departmental Plan Goals and Objectives, if any:

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