



Staff Report to Council - for Information

Title: Housing & Homelessness Plan 2025 Update

From: Tina Metcalfe, Director Human Services

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Report Purpose:

This report is for information.

Report Summary:

In a report to Bruce County Council on April 4, 2024, staff shared that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) had requested that Service Managers not complete reviews or any updates to their local Housing and Homelessness plans until further communication from the Ministry was received.

Recent communication from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) continues to indicate there is no update to share, including timelines for the Ministry's review of the Housing & Homelessness Plans policy direction.

Despite the delay, staff continue to be committed to advancing strategic priorities, maintaining critical services, and pursuing new opportunities to support housing and homelessness initiatives.

Background/Analysis:

Staff are continually striving to advance strategic priorities, seek innovative solutions, improve services and strengthen impact. The following outlines several key initiatives that are currently underway.

CROSS-FUNCTIONAL COLLABORATION:

Staff are active participants on the Housing Cross-Functional Team, contributing to the development of timely and responsive programs aimed at expanding housing supply and reducing barriers.

SUSTAINING KEY PARTNERSHIPS:

Staff are actively maintaining and strengthening partnerships with community agencies, non-profits, and private sector stakeholders to ensure a unified response to housing and homelessness challenges.

ENHANCING CLIENT-CENTRED SERVICES:

Programs focused on accessible, client-centred support ensure individuals and families continue to receive timely assistance.

EXPANDING REGIONAL OUTREACH:

Development of community outreach initiatives in four key areas across the region is underway, providing localized access to support and early intervention services.

RENT SUBSIDY PROGRAMS:

Active engagement efforts with private landlords to maintain and secure new rental opportunities and increase affordable housing options.

BUILDING TRANSITIONAL HOUSING CAPACITY:

In collaboration with community partners, transitional housing options are working to better support individuals transitioning out of homelessness.

ADDITIONAL RESIDENTIAL UNITS:

Continued funding and support are being allocated to increase the supply of additional residential units across the region.

Staff will continue to monitor for Ministry updates and will report back as new information becomes available. Strategic initiatives will remain a focus to ensure continued momentum on housing & homelessness programs.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

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

Interdepartmental Consultation:

There was no interdepartmental consultation in consideration of this report.

Link to Strategic Goals and Objectives:

Community and Partnerships - Build a strong and inclusive community

Community and Partnerships - Enhance and grow partnerships

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