



GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

Housing Accelerator Fund

Recommendation of the Committee

1. That City Council approve the Housing Action Plan as outlined in the report of the Community Services Division dated May 17, 2023 and direct the Administration to submit the Housing Action Plan in support of the application under the Housing Accelerator Fund; and
2. That if approved, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the contribution agreement for funding through the Housing Accelerator Fund under the corporate seal.

History

The Governance and Priorities Committee, at its meeting held on May 17, 2023, considered a report of the Community Services Division regarding the above. Your Committee heard from Cameron Choquette, Saskatchewan Landlord Association and received letters from Sherry Tarasoff, dated May 14, 2023 and Nicole Burgess, Saskatoon Region Home Builders' Association, dated May 15, 2023.

Additionally, your Committee resolved:

- Whereas Complex Needs housing has been identified as most pressing by community partners, that the Administration prioritize targeted initiatives and work that forwards the City as a partner with the Province of Saskatchewan and housing providers in development of permanent, supportive housing for residents with complex needs;
- That the Administration report back on how progress on the Housing Acceleration Fund application and implementation can best support this work, and that the administration report back to confirm resourcing requirements to prioritize this work.
- That Administration work internally to identify possible options to expand low-carbon, energy efficient, and/or climate-resilient features of the Housing Action Plan, and report back to the appropriate committee after the application has been made.

Administration undertook to revise Appendices 1 and 2 as per the discussion at Committee.



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Changes made to Appendix 1 are:

- Changes have been made to the number of projected HAF incented units because of the additional initiative added in Appendix 2 and more refined detail provided on other initiatives.
- Estimated units have been adjusted to align with the monthly building report data.

Changes to Appendix 2 are:

- Initiative 13 was added as per GPC's recommendation
- Based on advice from CMHC, initiative titles and descriptions were clarified to better reflect the outcome of the initiative.
- Clarification was provided in initiative 10 based on questions received at GPC.
- For initiative 2, the related CMHC initiative was revised to better reflect the intent of the proposed OCP designation.

Attachments

1. May 17, 2023 report of the Community Services Division
2. May 14, 2023 letter from Sherry Tarasoff
3. May 15, 2023 letter from Nicole Burgess, Saskatoon Region Home Builders' Association
4. Revised Appendix 1
5. Revised Appendix 2