# Agenda London Housing Advisory Committee

The 10th Meeting of the London Housing Advisory Committee November 13, 2019, 12:15 PM Committee Room #4

Next Meeting Date - December 11, 2019

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# London Housing Advisory Committee Report

The 9th Meeting of the London Housing Advisory Committee October 9, 2019
Committee Room #4

Attendance

PRESENT: B. Odegaard (Chair), M. Abdo, J. Banninga, M. Courey, J. Lane, C. O'Brien, J. Peaire, R. Peaker and M. Bishinga and D. Turner (Secretary)

Richings and D. Turner (Secretary)

ABSENT: B. Harris, M. Joudrey, W. Latuszak, and D. Peckham

ALSO PRESENT: J. Browne, S. Giustizia, H. Lysynski, G.

Matthews, and D. Purdy

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 PM

#### 1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

#### 2. Scheduled Items

None.

#### 3. Consent

3.1 8th Report of the London Housing Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 8th Report of the London Housing Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on September 11, 2019, was received.

#### 4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

None.

#### 5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Market Based Measure Thresholds

That it BE NOTED that the London Housing Advisory Committee held a general discussion with respect to market based measure thresholds.

5.2 Poverty Trends in London, September 2015

That it BE NOTED that the London Housing Advisory Committee held a general discussion with respect to poverty trends in London and their relation to the affordable housing market;

it being further noted that the Poverty Trends in London, September 2015 document from the Child & Youth Network was received with respect to this matter.

#### 6. Confidential

That the London Housing Advisory Committee convene, In Closed Session, for the purpose of considering the following:

#### 6.1. Personal Matters / Identifiable Individual

A personal matter pertaining to identifiable individuals, including municipal employees, with respect to the 2020 Mayor's New Year's Honour List.

The London Housing Advisory Committee convened, In Closed Session, from 1:35 PM to 1:38 PM.

#### 7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.



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October 16, 2019

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**Deputy City Manager** 

B. Debbert

Senior Planner

I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its meeting held on October 15, 2019 resolved:

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 8th Report of the London Housing Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on September 11, 2019:

- a) the Civic Administration BE INVITED to attend a future London Housing Advisory Committee meeting to provide orientations including, but not limited to, By-law Enforcement, Inclusionary Zoning, the coordination of service areas and the tools available to the municipality, relating to housing and affordable housing;
- b) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to ask the applicant to consider adding affordable housing units in the proposed development of the property located at 1674 Hyde Park Road; it being noted that the London Housing Advisory Committee reviewed and received a Notice of Application for a Zoning By-law Amendment for the subject property from B. Debbert, Senior Planner; and,

c) clauses 1.1, 3.1, 5.1 and 5.2 BE RECEIVED. (2.1/11/CPSC)

C. Saunders City Clerk

/jb

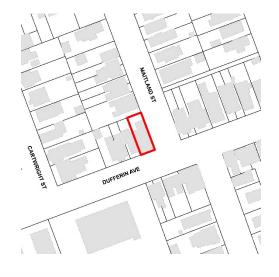
cc: Chair and Members, London Housing Advisory Committee



## **NOTICE OF** PLANNING APPLICATION

### Official Plan and Zoning By-law **Amendments**

## 464-466 Dufferin Ave & 499 Maitland St



File: OZ-9130

Applicant: Ian B. Johnstone Professional Corporation

What is Proposed?

Official Plan and Zoning amendments to allow:

- An eat-in restaurant
- Maintain 4 residential dwelling units
- Recognize existing site conditions



# LEARN MORE & PROVIDE INPUT

Please provide any comments by November 26, 2019

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File: OZ-9130

london.ca/planapps

You may also discuss any concerns you have with your Ward Councillor: Arielle Kayabaga akayabaga@london.ca 519-661-CITY (2489) ext. 4013

If you are a landlord, please post a copy of this notice where your tenants can see it. We want to make sure they have a chance to take part.

Date of Notice: November 6, 2019

## **Application Details**

Commonly Used Planning Terms are available at london.ca/planapps.

#### **Requested Amendment to the Current Official Plan**

To add a Special Policy Area to permit an eat-in restaurant within the ground floor of the existing building within the Low Density Residential designation.

#### Requested Amendment to The London Plan (New Official Plan)

To add a Special Policy Area to permit an eat-in restaurant within the ground floor of the existing building within the Neighbourhoods Place Type, located along a Neighbourhood Street.

#### **Requested Zoning By-law Amendment**

To change the zoning from a Residential R3/Convenience Commercial (R3-2/CC) Zone to a Residential R3/Convenience Commercial Special Provision (R3-2/CC(\_)) Zone. Changes to the currently permitted land uses and development regulations are summarized below. The complete Zoning By-law is available at london.ca/planapps.

#### **Current Zoning**

Zone: Residential R3/Convenience Commercial (R3-2/CC) Zone

**Permitted Uses:** The Residential R3 (R3-2) Zone permits single detached dwellings; semi-detached dwellings; duplex dwellings; triplex dwellings; converted dwellings; and fourplex dwellings. The Convenience Commercial (CC) Zone permits convenience service establishments without a drive-through facility; convenience stores without a drive-through facility; financial institutions without a drive-through facility; and personal service establishments without a drive-through facility.

#### **Requested Zoning**

**Zone:** Residential R3/Convenience Commercial Special Provision (R3-2/CC(\_)) Zone **Permitted Uses:** The Residential R3 (R3-2) Zone permits single detached dwellings; semi-detached dwellings; duplex dwellings; triplex dwellings; converted dwellings; and fourplex dwellings. The Convenience Commercial Special Provision (CC(\_)) Zone would permit an eatin restaurant use within the existing building in addition to the other permitted uses, as outlined in Permitted Uses above.

**Special Provision(s):** To permit a restaurant, eat-in within the existing building and recognize existing conditions including lot frontage, lot depth, parking, setbacks, lot coverage and landscaped open space area.

#### **Planning Policies**

Any change to the Zoning By-law must conform to the policies of the Official Plan, London's long-range planning document. These lands are currently designated as Low Density Residential in the Official Plan, which permits single detached; semi-detached; and duplex dwellings as the main uses.

The subject lands are in the Neighbourhoods Place Type in *The London Plan*, located along a Neighbourhood Street, permitting a range of single detached, semi-detached, duplex, converted dwellings, townhouses, secondary suites, home occupations, and group homes.

## How Can You Participate in the Planning Process?

You have received this Notice because someone has applied to change the Official Plan designation and the zoning of land located within 120 metres of a property you own, or your landlord has posted the notice of application in your building. The City reviews and makes decisions on such planning applications in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning Act*. The ways you can participate in the City's planning review and decision making process are summarized below. For more detailed information about the public process, go to the Participating in the Planning Process page at london.ca.

#### **See More Information**

You can review additional information and material about this application by:

- visiting Development Services at 300 Dufferin Ave, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Monday to Friday between 8:30am and 4:30pm;
- contacting the City's Planner listed on the first page of this Notice; or
- viewing the application-specific page at london.ca/planapps.

#### **Reply to this Notice of Application**

We are inviting your comments on the requested changes at this time so that we can consider them as we review the application and prepare a report that will include Development Services staff's recommendation to the City's Planning and Environment Committee. Planning considerations usually include such matters as land use, development intensity, and form of development.

#### **Attend a Future Public Participation Meeting**

The Planning and Environment Committee will consider the requested Official Plan and zoning changes on a date that has not yet been scheduled. The City will send you another notice inviting you to attend this meeting, which is required by the *Planning Act.* You will also be invited to provide your comments at this public participation meeting. The Planning and Environment Committee will make a recommendation to Council, which will make its decision at a future Council meeting.

## What Are Your Legal Rights?

#### **Notification of Council Decision**

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the City of London on the proposed official plan amendment and zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to the City Clerk, 300 Dufferin Ave., P.O. Box 5035, London, ON, N6A 4L9, or at <a href="mailto:docservices@london.ca">docservices@london.ca</a>. You will also be notified if you speak to the Planning and Environment Committee at the public meeting about this application and leave your name and address with the Secretary of the Committee.

#### Right to Appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the City of London to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of London before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of London before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the City of London to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of London before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of London before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

For more information go to <a href="http://elto.gov.on.ca/tribunals/lpat/about-lpat/">http://elto.gov.on.ca/tribunals/lpat/about-lpat/</a>.

#### **Notice of Collection of Personal Information**

Personal information collected and recorded at the Public Participation Meeting, or through written submissions on this subject, is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, and the *Planning Act*, 1990 R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 and will be used by Members of Council and City of London staff in their consideration of this matter. The written submissions, including names and contact information and the associated reports arising from the public participation process, will be made available to the public, including publishing on the City's website. Video recordings of the Public Participation Meeting may also be posted to the City of London's website. Questions about this collection should be referred to Cathy Saunders, City Clerk, 519-661-CITY(2489) ext. 4937.

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## **Site Concept**



Existing Conditions Plan.

The above image represents the applicant's proposal as submitted and may change.

# London

#### **Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home**

## **Briefing Note**

**Date:** October 18, 2019

To: Community Stakeholders

From: Housing Services, City of London

Regarding: Community Housing Modernization Strategy - Provincial Regulatory

Amendments Ont. 367/11 & New Ontario Regulation 316/19

#### Purpose

 To provide an overview of the amended Provincial regulations and new legislation that will impact social housing in Ontario.

#### **Overview**

- The Government of Ontario has announced the following regulatory changes to Ont. 367/11, under the Housing Services Act:
  - 1. Housing Provider authority to refuse to offer a unit to a household based on a previous eviction for serious illegal activity;
  - 2. Enabling tenant transfers between different housing providers in the same Service Manager service area; and,
  - 3. Client loss of eligibility for social housing if a household refuses an offer of housing of their preferred choice and where the unit meets the Service Manager's occupancy standards.
- The Government of Ontario has also announced a new Ontario Regulation 316/19, which is intended to simplify the calculation of rent-geared-to-income (RGI) assistance:
  - 4. "Determination of Geared-to-Income Rent under Section 50 of the Act" under the *Housing Services Act*.
- Although these regulations have been formally passed, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has set a variety of compliance date for each regulatory change.
- The Housing Division will work with municipal and provincial colleagues to better understand how to operationalize these new regulatory compliance obligations.
- The Service Manager is open to receiving input from both internal and external stakes in response to these change and how to best operationalize within London.

#### **Regulatory Amendments Overview**

- 1. <u>Authority to refuse to offer a unit to a household based on a previous eviction for serious illegal activity.</u>
- As part of the Government of Ontario's Community Housing Renewal Strategy, the
  province is amending regulations to give social housing providers the authority to refuse
  to re-house a tenant based on a previous eviction for a serious criminal offence.
- The rule provides a new tool for housing providers to address safety concerns.

- Currently, social housing providers can evict tenants for serious crimes such as drug trafficking, harming individuals or damaging property, however, these tenants have the option re-apply to live in the same social housing building.
- Prior to this amended regulation, social housing providers were only permitted to refuse
  to offer a unit to a household who has reached the top of the waiting list in certain limited
  circumstances that are set out in section 50 of Ontario Regulation 367/11 (e.g., based on
  their rental history, population mandate of the building, and the housing provider has
  reasonable grounds to believe the household will not pay their rent, etc.).
- In order to refuse a household under this new regulation, the housing provider must also have reasonable grounds to believe the household would pose a risk to the safety of one or more other people at the housing project (e.g. other residents, staff).
- In addition, this ground of refusal is only available where the past Landlord Tenant Board eviction order was based on certain types of serious illegal activity (outlined further below).
  - o It applies only if the eviction order was issued within the past five years.
  - Refusals are connected to tenants who have been issued an N6 (Notice to End your Tenancy - For Illegal Acts or Misrepresenting Income in a RGI Rental Unit)
- The new ground of refusal applies only where there was a previous eviction order based on an illegal act involving one or more of the following:
  - o Production, trafficking, or possession for the purpose of trafficking an illegal drug;
  - o Illegal production, distribution or sale of cannabis;
  - o Physical violence or attempted physical violence against another person;
  - Physical harm, attempted physical harm, or a risk of physical harm to another person;
  - Human trafficking; or
  - Use of threats to, intimidation of, and harassment of another person.
- The province has also allowed the Service Manager to make exceptions based on extenuating circumstances.
  - In practice, this will allow a prospective tenants the opportunity to appeal to the Service Manager directly if they disagree that their criminal history does not warrant a refusal for social housing.
- This new community safety rule takes effect immediately, as of September 23, 2019 however Service Managers can elect to implement no later than January 1, 2021.
  - The ministry intends to develop guidance material to support housing providers that choose to implement this rule within their building(s).

## 2. <u>Enabling tenant transfers between different housing providers in the same Service</u> Manager service area.

- Changes have been made to the regulation regarding tenant transfers between different housing providers in the same Service Manager area.
- Previous regulation stated that household(s) living in social housing must be added to the Service Manager's centralized waiting list if the household(s) wanted to transfer to a unit operated by a different social housing provider which means a household would have to wait (based on priority sequence) for an offer of housing.

- This regulation has been revoked and a household living in a RGI unit is no longer required to apply to be added to the centralized waiting list if the household wishes to transfer to a unit operated by a different housing provider in the same service area. The new regulation attempts to move household transfers in a more timely fashion.
- Service Managers are not required to place these households on the centralized waiting list.
- Service Managers may determine their own processes and criteria for managing these types of transfers in collaboration with the housing community.
- The regulation has been amended to include subsection 47(5.1) which states that a
  housing provider may, with the approval of the Service Manager, may select a household
  for a vacant unit if the household is occupying a unit operated by a different housing
  provider in the same service area, is in receipt of RGI assistance and has requested a
  transfer to a unit.
- The special priority policy applies to the selection.
- This new changes with come into effect on January 1, 2020, however Service Managers can elect to implement no later than January 1, 2021.
- 3. Client loss of eligibility for social housing if household refuses an offer of housing of their preferred choice and where the unit meets the Service Manager's occupancy standards.
- Currently, a household becomes ineligible for RGI assistance if that same household refuses a minimum of three offers of RGI assistance from a Service Manager.
- The regulation has been amended to state that a household would no longer be eligible for RGI assistance if a household refuses a single offer from a Service Manager.
- The offer must be for assistance in a unit that meets the Service Manager's occupancy standards and is in a housing project for which the household has expressed a preference.
- If a household refuses an offer for a portable housing benefit it would not be considered as a refusal under this rule.
- A household remains eligible if the Service Manager is satisfied that there are extenuating circumstances.
  - Examples of potential extenuating circumstances could include situations an applicant is in the hospital, receiving treatment for addiction, or if an applicant is a survivor of domestic violence or human trafficking and a preferred building is no longer safe due to the proximity of an abuser.
- The provincial rule on refusal of offers would apply to all applicants on centralized waiting lists, including special priority applicants (SPP).
- All Service Managers are required to comply with the provincial rule on refusal of offers by January 1, 2021.

## New Regulation – Ont. 316/19 - Determination of Geared-to-Income Rent under Section 50 of the Housing Services Act, 2011

- **4.** "Determination of Geared-to-Income Rent under Section 50 of the Act" under the Housing Services Act.
- The province is implementing a suite of changes to the RGI calculation to make calculating rent simpler for Service Managers, housing providers and tenants.

- Several changes have been made to the RGI calculation and related processes, including:
  - RGI calculation process will be a simplified, annual process based on 30 per cent of adjusted family net income determined, where possible, by the household members' net income amounts in their notices of assessment for the relevant taxation year.
  - Household members whose income is to be included in the rent calculation will be required to file their income tax returns annually as a condition of continued eligibility, subject to Service Manager discretion in extenuating circumstances
  - A household member's net income may be calculated differently depending on when rent is being reviewed.
    - In some instances, net income may be based on a projection of net income for the next 12 months in situations where income tax return information is not available or where it does not accurately reflect the current financial position of a household member.
  - A review of a household's RGI rent must be conducted every 12 months.
  - In-year reviews may only be completed under specific circumstances (e.g., permanent change in household composition, a decrease in income of 20% or a change in full-time student status), and households will no longer be required to report an increase in income before their next annual review.
  - All household members in full-time studies will now have their income exempt from the rent calculation, removing the existing conditions attached to this exemption.
  - For household members who work, the new system will continue to exempt \$75 or \$150 per month of family unit employment income (depending on family size) but simplify the criteria to determine the amount.
  - Minimum rent will be increased and indexed with the province's annual rent increase guideline, subject to phase-in for existing tenants paying less than indexed minimum rent.
  - The length of time that RGI households can pay market rent before losing eligibility for assistance will be extended from 12 to 24 consecutive months.
- No changes will be made to certain aspects of the RGI calculation, including:
  - Most definitions in the regulations including the definitions for a "family unit" and "benefit unit";
  - Utility scale and rent scale tables; and,
  - o Most eligibility rules and rules for local rules.
- Rent for a family unit would be calculated by taking 30 per cent of annual adjusted family net income (AFNI) divided by 12 months.
  - AFNI the total of the net income of each member of the household excluding those in full-time attendance at a recognized educational institution divided by 12.
  - Rent will be adjusted for utilities, services and heating and is subject to minimum rent
  - Before applying the 30 per cent, monthly adjusted family net income is reduced by an employment-related earnings deduction of either \$75 or \$150 per month, depending on the size of the family unit.

- Rent for a social assistance benefit unit would generally be calculated using the prescribed "rent scales".
- As of July 1, 2021, all Service Managers will be required to use the simplified regulations.
  - Service Managers would be required to recalculate rent for all existing tenants within 12 months of that date as part of client's annual eligibility review.
  - For tenants with rent increasing, their rent will be phased in gradually over many months.

#### Background

- The Housing Services Act, 2011 establishes the legislative framework for social housing in Ontario.
- Service Managers are responsible for determining a household's eligibility for RGI assistance and priority access to subsidized housing in their service area.
- Once an applicant household is determined to be eligible for RGI assistance, they are placed on a centralized waiting list.
  - When the household reaches the top of list, they are offered a subsidized unit in a social housing building.
- Municipalities, through Service Manager's footnote play an important role in the delivery
  of housing programs and services in Ontario.
  - For example, service managers are the primary funders of social housing for low-to-moderate income households.
  - In addition, service managers oversee numerous affordable housing initiatives that provide housing assistance for people at a range of incomes who cannot afford local market rents.

#### Next Steps

 The Housing Division will work with local and provincial colleagues to better understand how to operationalize these new regulatory compliance obligations.

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## **Housing Stability Plan**

**Draft Strategies and Actions** 

Draft Date: October 17, 2019



# **The Housing Stability Plan Strategy Map**



#### **Vision**

## Housing stability for all.

Strategic Priorities	Strategies
Responding To The Homelessness Crisis	<ol> <li>Work collaboratively across systems to address the needs of individuals and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness.</li> <li>Create a robust outreach system and rapid response to support individuals sleeping rough or urban camping.</li> <li>Provide the right level of support at the right time to decrease inappropriate use of emergency services.</li> <li>Prevent individuals and families from entering homelessness.</li> <li>House and re-house individuals and families experiencing homelessness rapidly.</li> </ol>
Creating, Retaining, and Enhancing Housing Stock	<ol> <li>Create and retain affordable housing stock.</li> <li>Revitalize and modernize social housing to create sustainable community housing.</li> <li>Increase supportive and specialized housing options for households at risk of or experiencing chronic homelessness.</li> <li>Explore and implement alternative models of housing to meet the specific needs of the London market.</li> <li>Build and maintain partnerships and engage stakeholders towards affordable housing solutions.</li> </ol>
Accessing, Securing, and Retaining Housing	<ol> <li>Implement a coordinated intake and centralized access system to connect individuals and families to the best housing stability solutions to meet their needs.</li> <li>Implement coordinated access to mental health and addictions services and supports.</li> <li>Support positive movement within a range of housing options and services based on the needs and interests of individuals and families.</li> <li>Strengthen the support for individuals and families in need of affordable housing through enhanced delivery of housing stability services.</li> <li>Integrate and expand the housing stability approach to other services and sectors.</li> <li>Lead social and community housing modernization integrating new regulatory access, supports, and management plans into current service delivery.</li> <li>Promote community engagement, integration, and belonging in neighbourhoods where individuals and families reside.</li> </ol>
Leading a New Housing System	<ol> <li>Redesign and implement a new housing system to better help clients avoid homelessness and achieve housing stability.</li> <li>Use data to drive decision-making to respond in real-time to the housing stability needs of individuals and families.</li> <li>Modernize service delivery and ease the administrative complexity for individuals and families to access housing stability services.</li> <li>Be a local and national leader in housing stability.</li> </ol>

# The Housing Stability Plan Strategy Map



#### **ACTION NEEDED NOW**

- We need to address the homelessness crisis. More people are experiencing homelessness and with more complex needs than ever before.
- We need far more affordable housing stock in our community. The shortage of safe, affordable housing options is impacting the stability and health of people across our community.
- We need better ways of accessing housing. People needing housing are stuck in a market with few options and no centralized way of getting meaningful help.
- We need better ways and more options to help people access the supports they need to stay housed.

#### **ONGOING ACTION NEEDED**

- We need to make sure there are safe, affordable housing options available for our community as it grows and changes.
- We need to make sure existing investments in housing are not lost. Government investments in housing, like roads and other infrastructure, need to be well maintained and managed while new developments occur.
- We need better ways to measure, manage, and respond to the things that change our housing market.
- We need to lead by example. A strong housing stability plan needs to be managed as a system and engage all sectors and stakeholders.

## STRATEGIC PRIORITY #1: RESPONDING TO THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS



#### What We Heard... There is a homelessness crisis in London.

The public told us there needs to be a focus on:

#### **PREVENTION**

- "We need to prevent the crisis from happening."
- "Prevention is cost effective."
- "Opportunities exist to focus on prevention."
- "Focus on prevention measures that are immediate when housing loss occurs. This is a critical intervention time."

#### **DECREASED EMERGENCY SHELTER USE**

- "The focus needs to be on minimizing shelter use and the length of time in shelter."
- "Integrating a Housing First focus into shelters is a good step forward."
- "Focus on shelter diversion."
- "Encourage a culture shift in shelters towards assertive engagement and support to secure housing."

#### **OUTREACH**

- "We've seen a dramatic increase in those sleeping rough and urban camping. The need has increased significantly."
- "Lots of people sleeping rough. The plan needs to ensure nobody falls through the cracks."
- "Increase outreach services."
- "Stronger collaboration and partnerships to provide outreach supports."

#### **DIVERSION**

- "We need to focus on diversion, so we can prevent folks from ending up in emergency shelters in the first place."
- "Diversion work is currently taking place and is quite successful, especially for family shelters."
- "A diversion strategy is important because it is a huge part of prevention."
- "Increase access to more rigorous diversion processes and options."

#### **COORDINATION & COLLABORATION**

- "Minimize the amount of times people have to tell their story."
- "No matter what door or number you call, you should be getting the same information."
- "Moving towards centralization and collaboration is critical."
- "Collaboration and partnerships are key to solving homelessness."

## STRATEGIC PRIORITY #1: RESPONDING TO THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS



What We Know... There is a homelessness crisis. In London more people are experiencing homelessness and with more complex needs than ever before.

388	emergency shelter and violence against women emergency shelter beds are available in London.
100%	of emergency shelters are operating at capacity. Shelters are full each night and individuals and families are staying in emergency shelter for longer periods of time.
300	people are on London's By-Name List, which includes individuals experiencing chronic homelessness and high use of emergency shelter and/or urban camping.
200	individuals are sleeping rough and urban camping.
10 & 10	10 daytime and 10 overnight resting spaces are in place to support individuals who need a place to rest, sleep, shower, eat, and engage with service providers.
Unknown	There are many individuals and families in London that

are at risk of experiencing homelessness.

## **STRATEGIC PRIORITY #1:**RESPONDING TO THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS



#### What We Will Do... To respond to the homelessness crisis.

#### **OUR GOAL:**

Meet the immediate needs of individuals and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

#### **OUR RESULT:**

Reduce the number of individuals and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

#### Strategy #1:

Work collaboratively across systems to address the needs of individuals and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

#### **Our Actions:**

- **a.** Triage and prioritize participants system-wide to support effective and efficient use of resources.
- **b.** Develop a centralized system for individuals and families in need of short-term and long-term permanent housing stability.
- **c.** Implement a community-wide communication strategy on how services are to be provided in London.
- **d.** Maximize provincial and federal funding to meet agreement requirements and to enhance housing stability.

#### Strategy #2:

Create a robust outreach system and rapid response to support individuals sleeping rough or urban camping.

#### **Our Actions:**

- **a.** Increase integration with outreach agencies and city service areas to support individuals and families living rough.
- **b.** Engage key partners in the Coordinated Informed Response, including those with lived experience.
- **c.** Operationalize the Coordinated Informed Response city-wide to house individuals and families living rough.
- d. Rapidly house individuals and families sleeping rough or urban camping.

#### Strategy #3:

Provide the right level of support at the right time to decrease inappropriate use of emergency services.

#### **Our Actions:**

- **a.** Increase system capacity and availability of services to meet the housing stability needs of individuals and families in crisis.
- **b.** Work with LPS/EMS to establish an engagement protocol to support individuals living rough or urban camping.
- **c.** Increase supports located within other sectors to prevent discharge to shelter or homelessness.

#### Strategy #4:

Prevent individuals and families from entering homelessness.

#### **Our Actions:**

- **a.** Improve diversion practices to better assist individuals and families to secure housing.
- **b.** Implement eviction and prevention programs to support people from entering homelessness.
- c. Establish a mobile diversion and prevention team that supports individuals throughout the City.

#### Strategy #5:

House and re-house individuals and families experiencing homelessness rapidly.

#### **Our Actions:**

- **a.** Implement unique opportunities to support rapid re-housing options.
- **b.** Strengthen the current housing finder role.
- c. Engage landlords to increase rental opportunities for rapid rehousing.
- d. Provide financial supports to assist individuals to secure housing.

What resonates with you? Is there anything missing? How can you help?

#### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY #2:**

# CREATING, RETAINING, AND ENHANCING HOUSING STOCK



## What We Heard... London needs to build more housing stock and maintain the housing stock it has.

The public told us there needs to be a focus on:

#### HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

- "We need new affordable housing in London."
- "Build more affordable housing, with a cap on top rent."
- "We need many more affordable homes and apartments built. It must be a priority."
- "If we do not have safe, clean, affordable housing options the issues are not going to get better."

#### SUPPORTIVE AND SPECIALIZED HOUSING

- "Housing provided with an understanding of where people are at."
- "Offer different and more housing with supports."
- "The priority is to add units with supports."
- "Enhance supportive housing stock and other low-barrier housing options."

#### INNOVATION

- "Mixed housing is more effective, but hard to do. This is where innovation comes in."
- "We need to look at innovative solutions. Not the same old, same old."
- "Implement new ways of managing and building new units or new housing models."
- "Look at successful models in other cities."

#### **TOOLS**

- "The goal needs to be funding for more affordable housing, which is a major barrier."
- "Require builders to incorporate a certain percent of rental units as affordable."
- "Better incentives for developers to create and keep housing affordable."
- "Make it easy for homeowners to convert part of their house into affordable housing."

#### COMMUNITY HOUSING

- "Ensure community housing recognizes the diverse populations who need it."
- "We need to be thinking about changing the structure of community housing."
- "We need a new way. It's a difficult system to navigate."
- "Need improved maintenance for community housing."

#### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY #2:**

# CREATING, RETAINING, AND ENHANCING HOUSING STOCK



## What We Know... We need far more affordable housing stock in our community.



#### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY #2:**

# CREATING, RETAINING, AND ENHANCING HOUSING STOCK



What We Will Do... To create, retain, and enhance housing stock.

#### **OUR GOAL:**

Sufficient supply and range of housing stock exists to help build strong communities.

#### **OUR RESULT:**

Increase affordable quality and mixed housing options.

#### Strategy #1:

Create and retain affordable housing stock.

#### **Our Actions:**

- **a.** Establish relationships within the private market to retain and enhance existing stock.
- **b.** Develop surplus lands to include affordable housing.
- c. Advance new financial and development tools for affordable housing.
- **d.** Create and implement the municipal housing toolbox.
- e. Advance affordable housing through development charges.
- **f.** Explore opportunities to stimulate new affordable housing through government legislation.
- **g.** Establish rental conversion policy to limit conversion of rental housing to condominium housing.
- **h.** Initiate official plan and zoning amendments to allow for appropriate intensification of Housing Regeneration Sites.
- i. Continue to advocate for the Assessment Growth Policy as a funding source opportunity.

#### Strategy #2:

Increase supportive and specialized housing options for households at risk of or experiencing chronic homelessness.

#### **Our Actions:**

- **a.** Explore transitional housing options that support vulnerable populations that are currently underserved in London.
- **b.** Develop a supportive housing model based on the unique needs of individuals and families.
- **c.** Engage experts and leaders in the field towards developing new supportive housing models.
- **d.** Work across sectors and systems to create supportive housing solutions for persons at risk of homelessness.

#### **Strategy #3:**

Revitalize and modernize community housing.

#### **Our Actions:**

- **a.** Support existing plans for the regeneration of community housing.
- **b.** Leverage funding available across all levels of government in order for providers to have maximum access to capital funding.
- **c.** Support sector-wide long-term capital planning through a portfolio view of capital requirements to address renovation needs.
- **d.** Test new technologies or solutions that reduce operating costs in an environmentally sustainable manner and are resilient to climate change.
- **e.** Build capacity and enhance support to boards through governance and skill development training and advisory.
- **f.** Implement tools needed to stabilize rent-geared-to-income stock in lieu of end of operating agreements and end of mortgage.
- **g.** Reduce barriers for alternative housing accommodations to be offered as part of the social housing stock.

#### Strategy #4:

Explore and implement alternative models of housing to meet the specific needs of the London market.

#### **Our Actions:**

- **a.** Engage experts to determine the ongoing and specific needs and best practices required in London.
- **b.** Establish a regular update of the guidelines to affordable housing models.

#### Strategy #5:

Build and maintain partnerships and engage stakeholders towards affordable housing solutions.

#### **Our Actions:**

- a. Create partnerships to develop new models of affordable housing.
- **b.** Work with government programs to create new affordable housing supply.
- **c.** Explore foundations, land trusts, and other means to attract private investment to affordable housing.
- **d.** Support and advance the non-profit sector in housing development.

What resonates with you? Is there anything missing? How can you help?

#### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY #3:**

# ACCESSING, SECURING, AND RETAINING HOUSING



What We Heard... Londoners need supports to find housing and stay housed.

The public told us the focus needs to be on:

#### COORDINATION AND CENTRALIZATION

- "Having centralized intake to be able to divert ensures that clients end up in the best spot possible."
- "Tools or system (maybe triage?) to assess individuals. It should be short and intensive."
- "Design centralized access to formally serve a diverse range of clients (triage, case management)."
- "Work with other agencies to ensure the best possible support."

#### **HOUSING FIRST**

- "Focus should be on prioritizing who should be using Housing First programs."
- "Housing First is a good model, but it isn't for everyone."
- "Need to expand Housing First to beyond chronically homeless individuals."
- "Housing First strategy has to be flexible enough to account for different kinds of groups."

#### **COMMUNITY BELONGING**

- "Establish a sense of community from the beginning. It shouldn't be an afterthought."
- "Encourage neighbourhood belonging through scattered site housing."
- "Strengthening skills based on self-determined goals such as education, family, and social integration."
- "Intentional community building."

#### **HOUSING STABILITY**

- "Need to look at eviction. We need to keep people housed."
- "Education needs to be part of this strategy so that people are aware they are about to become homeless or precariously housed."
- "It would be good to offer more supports to landlords. Relationship building is critical."
- "Intensive case management specifically focused on housing stability."

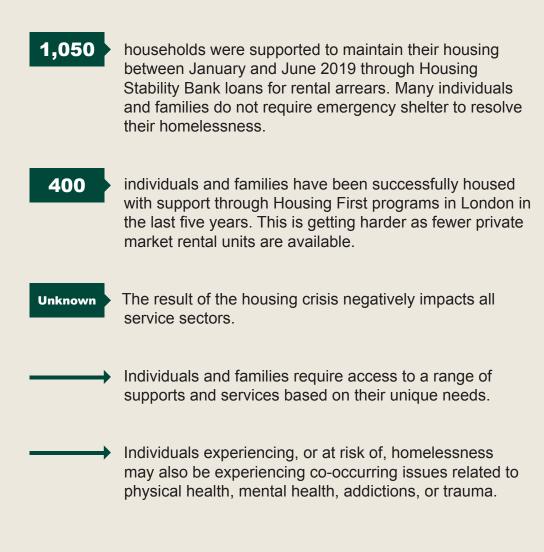
#### **CONNECTION TO SUPPORTS**

- "Integration into other processes in hospitals and jails is important, these discharges are complex."
- "Need to get all community agencies together so everyone is on the same page about how things are going to work."
- "Once people are housed we cannot leave them alone without supports."
- "Spend more money on supports to ensure people that are getting housed, stay housed."

## STRATEGIC PRIORITY #3: ACCESSING, SECURING, AND RETAINING HOUSING



## What We Know... We need better ways and more options to help people access the supports they need to stay housed.



#### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY #3:**

# ACCESSING, SECURING, AND RETAINING HOUSING



What We Will Do... To support accessing, securing, and retaining housing stock.

#### **OUR GOAL:**

Meaningful opportunities to secure and maintain stable housing.

#### **OUR RESULT:**

Individuals will secure housing that meets their needs.

#### Strategy #1:

Implement a coordinated intake and centralized access system to connect individuals and families to the best housing stability solutions to meet their needs.

#### **Our Actions:**

- a. Engage VAW sector to find better ways to integrate housing stability solutions.
- **b.** Develop a seamless touchpoint for individuals and families in need of short-term and long-term permanent housing stability.
- **c.** Develop and implement a needs assessment as a part of the intake process to better understand the individuals we serve and their unique housing needs.
- **d.** Revise the current locally-driven priority systems for social housing to better reflect need.

#### Strategy #2:

Implement coordinated access to mental health and addictions services and supports.

#### **Our Actions:**

- **a.** Reengage relevant sectors to assist in supporting individuals who present with tri-morbidity.
- **b.** Strengthen partnerships with the health community to explore additional opportunities for continuity of care in community housing communities.

#### Strategy #3:

Support positive movement within a range of housing options and services based on the needs and interests of individuals and families.

#### **Our Actions:**

- **a.** Work with individuals and families to determine what their support needs are to achieve community belonging, improved employment, and stable housing.
- **b.** Support housing providers to help tenants reach their community of choice.
- **c.** Continue to expand offerings of existing programs to individuals and families engaged in the private housing market.

#### Strategy #4:

Strengthen the support for individuals and families in need of affordable housing through enhanced delivery of housing stability services.

#### **Our Actions:**

- **a.** Review evidence and best practices that respects a tenant's community of choice.
- **b.** Provide education and supports for property managers and tenants to improve housing stability.
- c. Implement an Eviction Prevention Strategy.
- **d.** Partner with community housing providers to develop an eviction prevention strategy to support housing stability.
- e. Develop and implement additional housing programs that align with individual needs.

#### Strategy #5:

Integrate and expand the housing stability approach to other services and sectors.

#### **Our Actions:**

- **a.** Continue to invest in Housing First programs to meet the needs of the community and assist individuals and families to move towards housing stability.
- **b.** Partner with organizations in a variety of areas to assist individuals and families to remain housed.
- **c.** Adopt, in conjunction with community organizations, a housing stability approach to help individuals and families to remain housed.

#### Strategy #6:

Lead social and community housing modernization integrating new regulatory access, supports, and management plans into current service delivery.

#### **Our Actions:**

- **a.** Explore the role of community housing providers in supporting housing stability and preventing homelessness.
- **b.** Consult with community housing providers on an ongoing basis to determine how to support excellence in maintaining housing stability and preventing homelessness.

#### Strategy #7:

Promote community engagement, integration, and belonging in neighbourhoods where individuals and families reside.

#### **Our Actions:**

- **a.** Work with housing providers to connect residents to supports, services, and resources in their community.
- **b.** Work to increase income and provide employment opportunities for individuals and families.

What resonates with you? Is there anything missing? How can you help?

## **STRATEGIC PRIORITY #4:**LEADING A NEW HOUSING STABILITY SYSTEM



#### What We Heard... The system needs to be easier to navigate.

The public told us the focus needs to be on:

#### **SYSTEMS INTEGRATION**

- "Coordinated strategies are important from a systems perspective."
- "Standardize forms, tools, and language to ensure collaboration and working together."
- "People often get lost navigating the system."
- "Work together as one system towards one shared goal."

#### **DATA SHARING**

- "Sharing data and information."
- "We need better data sharing."
- "A centralized database that collects and displays real-time data."
- "There is a data piece to this. Looking forward to something in the Plan."

#### SYSTEM REDESIGN

- "Make it easy to navigate the system."
- "Improve the prioritization process. Have more conversations about what it means to be 'vulnerable'."
- "Have a coordinated system to provide proper supports that is based on assessments."
- "We need a unified approach to housing and homelessness."

#### **LONDON AS A LEADER**

- "Make London a leader in this!"
- "Solutions don't require a great capital investment. But, they do require willpower and bold leadership."
- "We need a unified approach to housing and homelessness."
- "Goals and outcomes need to be met. Accountability is important."

#### **MODERNIZATION**

- "There needs to be improved technology to better manage the system."
- "Hope to have transparency with the waitlist."
- "If we continue to add priority cases we will never house individuals. We need a new way."
- "Streamline the process and the system."

# STRATEGIC PRIORITY #4: <u>LEADING A NEW HOUSING STABILITY SYSTEM</u>



What We Know... We need to lead by example. A strong housing stability plan needs to be managed as a system and all sectors and stakeholders need to be engaged.

<b>─</b>	Housing instability impacts all sectors such as labour market, health, corrections, education, etc.
<del></del>	All orders of government have made housing stability and affordability a priority.
<b></b>	The work related to housing stability requires engagemen of and partnerships with multiple sectors to address the needs of individuals and families.
	All sectors need to work together towards a common goal of housing stability for all.
	There is a need for a user-friendly system for individuals and families who require support to attain or retain housing.

## STRATEGIC PRIORITY #4: LEADING A NEW HOUSING STABILITY SYSTEM



#### What We Will Do... To lead a new housing stability system.

#### **OUR GOAL:**

Strong, sustainable, and integrated housing stability solutions developed collaboratively to respond to local needs.

#### **OUR RESULT:**

Increase in the ability of the housing stability system to address community needs.

#### Strategy #1:

Redesign and implement a new housing system to better help clients avoid homelessness and achieve housing stability.

#### **Our Actions:**

- **a.** Establish a 24/7 coordinated access system by March 31, 2022.
- **b.** Create a community-based housing stability leadership Working Group across the city of London to guide the implementation of system change.
- c. Create shared standards of practice between Homeless Prevention and Housing.
- **d.** Better alignment of existing priority lists within the housing stability system.

#### Strategy #2:

Use data to drive decision-making to respond in real-time to the housing stability needs of individuals and families.

#### **Our Actions:**

- **a.** Develop a robust data culture to ensure decisions are informed by local intelligence.
- **b.** Publish an annual report that provides the community with an assessment of current homeless prevention and housing efforts.
- **c.** Advance a system approach that supports evidence-informed decision-making, transparency, and accountability through consistent evaluation and reporting of housing stability plan outcomes to the community.
- **d.** Establish cross-functional teams that regularly discuss changes to the housing market and determine the needs of priority populations.

#### Strategy #3:

Modernize service delivery and ease the administrative complexity for individuals and families to access housing stability services.

#### **Our Actions:**

**a.** Modernize and transform the Housing Stability System with a focus on better assessing clients' needs and triaging those who are the highest priority with the right service in a timely manner.

#### Strategy #4:

Be a local and national leader in housing stability.

#### **Our Actions:**

- a. Articulate a clear vision for the delivery of housing stability for all.
- **b.** Manage through strong, sustainable governance.
- **c.** Participate in national initiatives to solve homelessness.
- **d.** Share results of programs through report publishing, community engagement and education and training opportunities.
- **e.** Work with local agencies to support engagement with individuals with lived experience and foster opportunities for peer support in the community.
- **f.** Continue to make the efforts of the homeless prevention division and housing services division visible in the community.

What resonates with you? Is there anything missing? How can you help?

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
FROM:	SANDRA DATARS BERE MANAGING DIRECTOR HOUSING, SOCIAL SERVICES AND DEARNESS HOME
SUBJECT:	REPORT FROM CIVIC ADMINISTRATION OF THE VACANT COMMUNITY HOUSING UNITS AS A RESULT OF OUTSTANDING REPAIRS

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home, that the Report From Civic Administration of the Vacant Community Housing Units as a Result of Outstanding Repairs **BE RECEIVED** for information.

#### PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

- Homelessness Plan (CPSC: June 17, 2013)
- Housing Services Act (CSC: December 19, 2011)
- City of London Community Housing Strategy 2013 to 2019 (CPSC: June 21, 2010)
- Homeless Prevention And Housing Plan 5 Year Review And Update Process (CPSC, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019)

#### **BACKGROUND**

On June 25, 2019, Municipal Council directed Civic Administration to report back on the backlog of vacant unit repairs within the current community housing stock (also referenced as social housing), with a financial cost and possible sources of funding to complete all repairs prior to the end of the year. Civic administration was directed to report back to the Community and Protective Services Committee on September 10, 2019.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

Upon direction from City Council, Civic Administration engaged all 64 community housing providers (which also includes London Middlesex Community Housing) to identify unit(s) in their portfolio that are currently vacant and are waiting to be repaired before being occupied.

In total, 38 housing providers responded with eight housing providers stating that their vacant unit(s) met the criteria, while 30 housing providers reported either no vacancies or their vacant units did not fit the criteria.

The housing providers where asked to provide the following:

- The unit is currently vacant and unoccupied, as of August 28, 2019;
- Confirm that the unit is a rent-geared-to-income unit;
- The unit is in need of significant repair outside of normal wear and tear;
- If insufficient existing capital and replacement reserve funding is preventing the unit from being repaired; and
- The state of disrepair prevents the unit from being occupied in a timely manner.

If a unit met all of the criteria above, civic administration also requested housing providers provider an estimate of the repair costs and timelines of repair throughout the rest of the calendar year, and potentially, into early 2020.

Housing providers were asked to use their best professional judgement when determining an estimated repair cost and timeline and not to obtain competitive quotes. Housing providers were also informed that the information provided to civic administration will support Council discussions related to this matter.

Initially, Civic administration contacted all social housing providers over email to clarify the request and troubleshoot any vacancies that may apply to the criteria. For providers who were non-responsive, additional contact, including direct calls to the organization, were made.

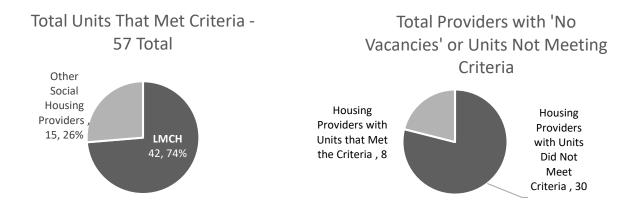
#### **RESULTS**

The following provides a summary of the information submitted by the housing providers within London-Middlesex.

Vacant Social Housing Units in Need of Significant Repair					
Dwelling Size	Total Units	Average Repair Cost	Estimated Timeline of Repairs		
One Bedroom	27 Units	\$0 - \$5,000	1 – 6 Months		
Two Bedroom	11 Units	\$5,000 - \$10,000	1 – 6 Months		
Three Bedroom	13 Units	\$0 - \$5,000	0 – 4 Weeks		
Four+ Bedroom	6 Units	\$5,001 - \$10,000	1 – 6 Months		
Total	57 Units	\$445,000*			

<sup>\*</sup>Total average cost as self-reported by housing providers within London-Middlesex County. These repairs costs are unverified. Housing providers were asked to use their best professional judgment when determining costs and timeline of repair. An official assessment from a third party was not requested.

No bachelor units were reported



N: 38 - Total number of housing providers completed the Unit Restoration Tracking Sheet, including London Middlesex Community Housing. This represents an approximate 60% response rate.

Civic Administration contacted all social housing providers through multiple emails and phone calls.

All NIL responses from housing providers were considered as having no current vacancies that meet the criteria.

Civic administration considers these findings appropriate given that housing providers will typically contact the Service Manager if a unit is significantly damaged outside of regular wear and tear.

#### **ANALYSIS**

#### **Understanding Vacancies**

Civic Administration consulted London Middlesex Community Housing (LMHC) to provide Council additional information on their repair process. It is common for apartment units and town homes within LMCH to become and remain vacant in between tenancies. These units could remain vacant for a variety of reasons. Currently once a tenant vacates their dwelling, a unit is inspected and assessed for repairs. Vacant units can remain vacant for an average of 30 to 60 days in order for maintenance teams to repair the unit caused by normal wear and tear. However, if the unit requires significant repairs, the unit could remain vacant for longer than 60 days and up to 120 days in order for repairs to be completed.

#### Accountability for Capital Repairs

When a social housing provider requires financial resources to repair or enhance the interior or exterior of their property, this is referred to as capital needs. Social housing providers are responsible for managing their capital needs. The federal, provincial and municipal governments all support social housing providers capital needs through their local Service Manager.

As an outcome of housing, vulnerable members of the community from the social housing registry waitlist, individual(s) may impose damages to their unit beyond regular wear and tear. Significant damages may result from episodes due to significant mental health, addictions and trauma. In these exceptional circumstances, additional funding is required to repair significantly damaged units in a timely manner.

#### Housing Service Delivery Review Report

On March 6, 2019, Municipal Council put forward and approved a resolution to undertake a review of the delivery of housing programs and services that are specific to the shareholder agreement between the City and London Middlesex Community Housing (LMCH) as well as the City and Housing Development Corporation, London (HDC). On August 26, 2019, City Council received this report at the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee meeting.

It is important to note the data collected for this report is not connected to the vacancies noted in the review of the delivery of housing performed by KPMG.

The service review on the delivery of housing was specific to all vacancies within the LMCH portfolio. The difference in this report, as requested by Council, are vacancies within the social housing stock in London-Middlesex, including LMCH.

The scope of vacancies directed to Council was to focus on including units in need of significant repair outside of normal wear and tear and existing capital funding.

#### CONCLUSION

Civic administration is committed to continuing to work with all social housing providers to ensure greater access to units through improving the restoration and vacancy process. Through monitoring existing capital funding, civic administration will support social housing providers to fill vacancies in a timely manner.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

LMCH has different access to capital funding which is not available to other social housing providers. Civic administration has identified two possible funding sources which could be allocated to fund unit restoration costs:

#### **LMCH Proposed Funding Source**

• LMCH's Annual Capital Allocation

#### Other Social Housing Providers Proposed Funding Source

 Social Housing Major Repairs, Upgrades and Stabilization Reserve Fund for all social housing providers

The Social Housing Major Repairs, Upgrades and Stabilization Reserve Fund is available to all social housing providers, including LMCH.

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