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PRESENTATION CONCERNING THE 20,000 HOMES CAMPAIGN IN SIMCOE COUNTY

Ms. Sara Peddle, Chair of the Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness and Irena Pozgaj-Jones, Program Supervisor, County of Simcoe provided a presentation regarding the 20,000 Homes Campaign in Simcoe County.

They discussed slides concerning the following matters:

- The background associated with the 20,000 Homes Campaign;
- An outline of Simcoe County Registry Week and the steps associated with the collection of survey responses from people experiencing homelessness;
- An outline of the Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) used for the collection of data from the 292 completed surveys;
- The five factors utilized as part of the VI-SPDAT measurements of acuity related to homelessness;
- The survey results related to the high acuity, moderate acuity and low acuity of survey participants;
- The definitions of episodic and chronic homelessness and the survey results related to their measures;
- The key findings from the data collected from the 292 surveyed participants;
- A wellness breakdown of survey participants;
- The lessons learned about homelessness across Simcoe County;
- The key messages related to homelessness across Simcoe County; and
- The next steps associated with the 20,000 Homes Campaign.

In closing Ms. Peddle suggested that building affordable housing would be a key factor in preventing homelessness in the City of Barrie.

Members of Council asked a number of questions of the presenters and received responses.