



2016 Municipal Deputations

Update on the 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy

City of Barrie– December 19, 2016

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Outline



- Implementation Plan Approval
- Municipal Liaison Group
- Creation of County-Funded Programs
- Affordable Housing Definitions
- Input on Provincial Legislative Changes
- 20,000 Homes Campaign
- Municipal Planning Tools and Incentives
- Completion of the 2015 Annual Report
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Implementation Plan Approval



- Progress has been made on reaching the target of phase one of the implementation plan for 2014-2017 to create 895 units of affordable housing
 - 396 units as of September 30, 2016
- County Council has committed municipal funding to create units in the 2016/17 budget cycles
 - \$7.5 Million in municipal funding committed
- Advocacy by the County
 - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.) Conference
 - OGRA/ROMA Conference



Municipal Liaison Group



- Key contacts from each member municipality were appointed
 - Staff to staff discussion, info-sharing, and planning opportunities
- Objective: to move *Our Community 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Strategy* forward at the local level
 - Monitoring and tracking affordable housing units
 - Reporting processes
 - Providing input on municipal housing tools and incentives



Creation of County-Funded Programs



- **Secondary Suites**
 - \$1.5 Million allocated for 2016/17
 - Project to create approximately 60 affordable units for low to moderate income renter households
- **Rent Subsidy Program**
 - \$6 Million Approved
 - Assist approximately 100 low to moderate income households (phased-in approach 2016/17)



Input on Provincial Legislative Changes



- Provincial Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy Update
- Creation of the *Promoting Affordable Housing Act*
- Amendment to the *Housing Services Act, 2011*
- Amendment to the *Planning Act, 1990*



20,000 Homes Campaign



- A national initiative aimed at housing 20,000 vulnerable homeless people by July 1, 2018
- Led locally by the Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness (SCATEH) with County funding
- 300 people experiencing homelessness participated in a survey
 - A total of 292 surveys out of the 300 people surveyed were data entered into an anonymous database



Municipal Planning Tools and Incentives



- Jurisdictional Review of tools and incentives in neighbouring municipalities
- Simcoe County Conference 2015 and 2016
 - Affordable Housing interactive plenary 2015 and workshop 2016
- Presentations and consultations:
 - Building Industry and Land Development Association
 - Municipal Liaison Group
 - Landlord Task Group
 - Feedback was collected to complete a Best Practices Information Sheet that outlines an Optimal Standard of municipal tools and incentives



Municipal Planning Tools and Incentives



Based on the consultations that were done, the Optimal Standard of municipal tools and incentives include the following:

- 100% Development Charge Relief
- 100% Property Tax Incentives
- 100% Waived Planning and Building Fees
- Reduced/Waived Parkland Dedication Requirements
- Reduced Parking Requirements
- Dedicated Project Manager/Fast Track Approval System
- Pre-zoned Areas (Flexible Zoning)
- Surplus Land (Pre-Approved)
- Economical Built Forms
- Capital Funding
- Promotion of Inclusionary Zoning



Completion of the 2015 Annual Report



- Measures and evaluates the second year of implementing recommendations contained in the Strategy, i.e. to December 31, 2015
- Some Achievement Highlights
 - Hosted focus groups with the Building Industry and Land Development Association and local landlords
 - 207 new units created since the Strategy was approved
 - 80 units were underway during 2015 and are set to open in 2016
 - \$5.5 Million invested in maintaining social housing assets in County owned and non-profit housing
 - County continues to provide development charges and property tax incentives for affordable housing development
 - 409 households retained housing status at 6-month follow-up



Affordable Housing Progress in the City of Barrie



- Median Household Income: \$76,209
- Average Market Rent: 1-bedroom \$1,006 ; 2-bedroom \$1,167
- Affordable House Price: \$304,840
- Affordable Housing Target for 2024: 840 units
- Total units created Jan. 1/14 – September 30/16: 185 units
 - 63 rent supplements/housing allowances
 - 10 secondary suites
 - 20 affordable homeownership down payments
 - 92 new rental development
- Repairs/Accessibility Upgrades:
 - 16 units maintained or made accessible through Ontario Renovates program



Upcoming Opportunities



- **Social Infrastructure Funding**
 - Allocation of \$13.3 million federal-provincial funding for 2016/17
 - Rental projects, County development charges rebates, and property tax grants
- **Simcoe County Housing Corporation Collingwood Redevelopment**
 - Utilizing vacant parcel of land and demolition of 30 existing Social Housing units for creation of 147 new units; result is net gain of 117 units
- **2016 Call for Proposals**
 - To act on municipal interest in affordable housing development
 - Partnership with Simcoe County Housing Corporation
 - Investment in Affordable Housing 2014 Extension Program (IAHE)



Questions?

