

Legislation Text

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PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNTY OF SIMCOE REGARDING THE 10-YEAR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION STRATEGY: HOUSING OUR FUTURE.

Mayor Gerry Marshall of the Town of Penetanguishene and Simcoe County Warden, thanked members of Council for the opportunity to provide a presentation on access and attainability of affordable housing. He commented that the plan is to provide mortgage assistance to those living in rental accommodation and noted that the need for affordable housing impacts all municipalities within the County of Simcoe's geographic boundaries. Warden Marshall advised that the Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy is a ten (10) year plan and requested Barrie City Council's cooperation in this initiative.

Ms. Terry Talon, General Manager of Social and Community Services of the County of Simcoe introduced Ms. C. Colcy, Executive Director, Barrie Community Health Centre; as well as Mr. T. Wilcox, General Manager of Performance Management and Ms. K. Suggatt, Manager of Policy Planning, of the County of Simcoe.

She reminded members of City Council and residents of availability of the 211 service which provides information on community and social services and is available 24/7 in several languages.

Ms. Talon provided a slide presentation on the 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy. She discussed slides concerning the following items:

- The County as the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager;
- Housing for the future including the 5 strategic themes;
- The core need in the City of Barrie;
- Preliminary and proposed targets for additional affordable housing creation in Barrie;
- Affordable housing programmes in Barrie;
- Tools for affordable housing; and
- Working in partnership.

In closing, Warden Marshall by commenting that input from the City of Barrie is critical as the County of Simcoe needs to understand the requirements of each Community. He requested that statistical information be shared with County staff to move the initiative forward.

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