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January 11, 2019

Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk
Niagara Region
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way
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Dear Ms. Norio:

At their January 11, 2019 meeting, the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors, passed the following motion as recommended in report NRH 1-2019:

1. That the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors **RECOMMENDS** to Regional Council:
 - (i) That a gross capital budget adjustment in the amount of \$1,075,475 gross and \$0 net **BE RECEIVED** (and **INITIATED**) for the Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program and that the adjustment **BE FUNDED** by Ministry of Housing - SHAIIP grant.

Your assistance is requested in moving report NRH 1-2019 through proper channels for approval.

Sincerely,

Chair



REPORT TO: Board of Directors of Niagara Regional Housing

SUBJECT: Budget Adjustment - Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program (SHAIP)

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KEY FACTS

- The object of the SHAIP initiative is to assist in the repair and retrofit of existing social housing to address capital needs, improve energy and water efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- The Ministry of Housing confirmed a total allocation of SHAIP funding for the 2017-18 year of \$2,824,268 for NRH in Q1 2018. Of the total confirmed allocation, \$2,683,055 is specifically allocated for capital funding, and \$141,213 is specifically allocated for administrative (operating) funding. The amount previously included in the approved 2018 capital budget pertaining to this project was \$1,607,580 based on confirmed funding from the Ministry of Housing in late 2017.
- In accordance with Budget Control By-law No. 2017-63, in-year receipt of funding requiring a budget adjustment in excess of \$1 million for capital and operating programs requires Regional Council approval.
- These adjustments have no tax levy impact on the approved 2019 NRH Capital Budget or the 2019 NRH Operating Budget.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The below table depicts the confirmed Ministry of Housing SHAIIP funding compared to the funding originally budgeted for as part of previously approved NRH budgets:

Description	Capital (SHAIIP - Project 20000814)	Operating (Admin)	Total
Confirmed Funding	\$ 2,683,055	\$ 141,213	\$ 2,824,268
Previously Budgeted	1,607,580	72,918	1,680,498
Budget Adjustment	\$ 1,075,475	\$ 68,295	\$ 1,143,770

ANALYSIS

In August 2017 the Ministry of Housing (MHO) announced the Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program (SHAIIP) for eligible high-rise apartment buildings across Ontario. The program supports the implementation of the province's Climate Change Action Plan. The program funding supports retrofit activities that reduce greenhouse gas emissions in social housing apartment buildings.

The key outcomes expected from the program include:

- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- Enhanced living accommodations for low income tenants to modern standards
- Reduced operating costs for social housing providers through saving derived from the retrofit activities, which will serve to improve the sustainability of the current social housing stock
- Support the greenhouse gas retrofit sector and create local jobs in communities across the province

Due to the limited number of social housing buildings over 150 units or more in the Niagara Region, the Ministry requested that NRH submit a business case confirming we have buildings suitable for the investment and detailing how the SHAIIP funding would be used. Staff submitted the business case in November 2017 identifying work to be completed at four NRH owned properties.

NRH will use the results of commissioned Building Condition Assessments and Energy Audits for the Housing Providers to help identify qualified buildings in the housing provider portfolio.

The SHAIIP program allows 5% administration costs. Staff is currently analyzing the administrative requirements necessary to continue to successfully deliver the program.

ALTERNATIVES REVIEWED

N/A

RELATIONSHIP TO NRH and/or COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Niagara's Housing and Homelessness Action Plan

NRH Business Plan Goal #1: Assist housing providers in maintaining financial stability.

NRH Business Plan Goal #2: Build healthy, sustainable housing communities.

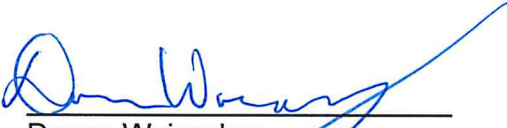
ORIGIN OF REPORT

This report has been brought forward by staff

OTHER PERTINENT REPORTS

NRH 1 – 2018 (18-168-4.1.) SHAIIP – Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program

Submitted by:



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Approved by:



Chair

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