
MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Activities related to Niagara's 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan for January 2020

Date: February 11, 2020

To: Public Health and Social Services Committee

From: Jeff Sinclair, Homelessness Action Plan Advisor and Adrienne Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services

Further to council direction in October (COM 40-2019), staff will provide regular updates about activities, local targets, outcomes and challenges related to Niagara's 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP), as new information is available.

The following highlights activities related to the HHAP in January 2020:

- The Steering Committee for the 2020 homelessness enumeration (Point in Time Count) launched. The enumeration will occur in March 2020 and build on the successful 2016 and 2018 enumerations.
- Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) continues to grow in its 'in-situ' Rent Supplement Program, which engaged 12 new landlords in Q4 2019. The program offers applicants on the Centralized Waiting List an opportunity to receive rent-geared-to-income assistance where they currently live, assisting with housing affordability. Other outcomes include removing the need for moving related expenses and broadening the network of landlords in business with NRH.
- An NRH project manager has engaged non-profit housing providers that have received seed funding through the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to provide guidance on leveraging the seed funds with land, capital or other resources to develop new affordable housing.
- The new Stamford Kiwanis rental apartment build in Niagara Falls was occupied in January. This includes 30 net new rental units of housing, including 17 'below market' priced units provided with NRH funding.

Respectfully submitted and signed by:

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