## Minute Item No. 5.1 COM 5-2020 Local Considerations to Inform the Development of the Next Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy

That Report COM 5-2020, dated March 10, 2020, respecting Local Considerations to Inform the Development of the Next Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Report COM 5-2020, **BE APPROVED** as a written submission to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, further to their request for local recommendations to inform the next Provincial Poverty Reduction Strategy.

#### Minute Item No. 5.2 COM 4-2020 Emergency Shelter Negotiated Request for Proposal (NRFP) Award Results

That Report COM 4-2020, dated March 10, 2020, respecting Emergency Shelter Negotiated Request for Proposal (NRFP) Award Results, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the homelessness contracts for emergency shelter services **BE AWARDED** in the amount of \$11,705,184 for the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2023 to the following nine (9) service providers:

1. Boys and Girls Club of Niagara	\$ 403,200
2. Casa El Norte Refugee Assistance Program	\$ 403,200
3. The Hope Centre	\$ 1,116,000
4. Matthew House Refugee Ministry of Fort Erie	\$ 403,200
5. The RAFT (Niagara Resource Service for Youth)	\$ 583,434
6. The Salvation Army Booth Centre	\$ 1,050,000
7. Southridge Community Church	\$ 2,577,000
8. Start Me Up Niagara	\$ 966,750
9. The Young Women's Christian Association of Niagara Region (YWCA Niagara Region)	\$ 4,202,400
TOTAL	\$ 11,705,184

2. That an additional contingency of \$250,000 **BE APPROVED** should system adjustments be necessary during the term of the contracts to increase the number or adjust the type of beds offered; and

 That staff BE AUTHORIZED to execute any required amendments and documentation related to the agreements for service providers of emergency shelter to implement funding adjustments.

#### Minute Item No. 5.3 COM 6-2020 Homelessness Services Housing First and Home for Good Contract Extensions

That Report COM 6-2020, dated March 10, 2020, respecting Homelessness Services Housing First and Home for Good Contract Extensions, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

- 1. That the existing Housing First contracts **BE EXTENDED** as per Appendix 1 of Report COM 6-2020, with the value of \$76,154;
- 2. That the existing Home for Good contracts **BE EXTENDED** as per Appendix 1 of Report COM 6-2020, with the value of \$31,579;
- 3. That an additional contingency of \$25,000 **BE APPROVED** should additional extensions be necessary; and
- 4. That staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute any required amendments and documentation related to the agreements for service providers of Housing First and Home for Good to implement contract extensions.

## Minute Item No. 5.4 COM-C 10-2020 Niagara Regional Housing Letter - Request for Support - Landlord and Tenant Board

That Correspondence Item COM-C 10-2020, being a letter from Councillor Sendzik, Chair, Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors, dated February 14, 2020, respecting a letter sent from Niagara Regional Housing to the Ontario Ombudsman requesting a review of the ongoing delays in matters before Landlord and Tenant Board, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send a letter to the Ontario Ombudsman supporting the request from Niagara Regional Housing for a review of the ongoing delays in matters before the Landlord and Tenant Board.

# Minute Item No. 6 Consent Items for Information

That the following items **BE RECEIVED** for information:

COM 3-2020 Seniors Services Quality Improvement Report – October to December 2019

COM-C 4-2020 Provincial Employment Transformation

COM-C 5-2020 Niagara Regional Housing Quarterly Report October 1 to December 31, 2019

COM-C 6-2020 Niagara Regional Housing Regulation Changes – Communications Plan and Flyer for Initial Communications

COM-C 7-2020 2019-RFP-300 – Assertive Street Outreach Request for Proposal Award Results

COM-C 8-2020 2019-RFP-310 – Housing First Request for Proposal Award Results

COM-C 9-2020 2019-RFP-311 – Housing for Good Proposal Award Results

### Minute Item No. 9.1 Confidential Verbal Update A Matter of Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations – Provincial Employment Transformation

That the confidential verbal update from A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, respecting A Matter of Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations – Provincial Employment Transformation, **BE RECEIVED** for information.