



## RENFREW COUNTY HOUSING CORPORATION

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.

### AGENDA

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call.
3. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof.
4. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting held on August 11, 2021.
5. Delegations: None at the time of mailing.

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8. New Business.	
9. Closed Meeting to discuss: Explicitly confidential information from Sr. Government.	
10. Date of next meeting (Wednesday, October 13, 2021) and adjournment.	

**NOTE:** (a) Submissions received from the public, either orally or in writing may become part of the public record.

## **Strategic Plan**

**Strategic Plan Goal # 1: To inform the Federal and Provincial government on our unique needs so that Renfrew County residents get their “fair share”.**

Initiatives:

- (a) Create a strategic communications plan
- (b) Identify and advocate for issues important to the County of Renfrew.

**Strategic Plan Goal # 2: Fiscal sustainability for the Corporation of the County of Renfrew and its ratepayers.**

Initiatives:

- (a) Commitment from Council supporting principles within the Long-Term Financial Plan
- (b) Establish Contingency Plan to respond to provincial and federal financial pressures and opportunities beyond the Long-Term Financial Plan.

**Strategic Plan Goal # 3: Find cost savings that demonstrate our leadership while still meeting community needs.**

Initiatives:

- (a) Complete community needs assessment
- (b) With identified partners implement plan to optimize service delivery to the benefit of our residents.

**Strategic Plan Goal # 4: Position the County of Renfrew so that residents benefit from advances in technology, to ensure that residents and staff have fair, affordable and reasonable access to technology.**

Initiatives:

- (a) Ensure that the County of Renfrew is top of the list for Eastern Ontario Regional Network funding for mobile broadband
- (b) Lobby for secure and consistent radio systems for first responders and government
- (c) Put a County of Renfrew technology strategy in place.

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**COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
**RENFREW COUNTY HOUSING CORPORATION**

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**TO:** Renfrew County Housing Corporation Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Laura LePine, Director of Community Services  
**DATE:** September 15, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Director's Report

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**INFORMATION**

**1. 2022-23 Planned Funding Allocations for Provincially-Delivered Housing and Homelessness Prevention Programs**

Attached as Appendix I is correspondence dated August 23, 2021 from the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, regarding the 2022-23 planned funding allocations for the County of Renfrew provincially delivered housing and homelessness prevention programs.

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**TO:** Renfrew County Housing Corporation Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Jennifer Dombroskie, Manager of Housing and Homelessness  
**DATE:** September 15, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Monthly Report

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**INFORMATION**

**1. Built for Zero-Renfrew County [Strategic Plan Goals #1 & #3]**

Built for Zero is an initiative through the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness that is helping to end chronic homelessness. The County of Renfrew is among 38 other municipalities across Canada to join this initiative. Our goal is to end chronic homelessness within our community by enhancing partnerships, having up-to-date enumeration, and having a safety net of supports to ensure that those who want help stay connected with services and find housing.

**Definition – Functional Zero Chronic Homelessness**

Ending chronic homelessness is measured by achieving functional zero. Functional zero means that there are three or less individuals experiencing chronic homelessness in a community for at least three consecutive months.

**Partnerships**

The County of Renfrew has partnered with the following community agencies to form Built for Zero – Renfrew County:

- The Grind
- Family and Children's Services – Safe Shelter for Youth
- Pembroke Regional Hospital – Community Mental Health

The Built for Zero Renfrew County team meets bi-weekly, and the first meeting was on August 17, 2021.

### **By-Name List**

Municipal service managers are mandated by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) to complete ongoing homelessness enumeration by maintaining live data through a “By-Name List”. Client participation is voluntary, and consent must be provided and documented. The following 17 data points must be included within the enumeration:

- Overnight Location
- Chronicity of homelessness
- Age
- Reasons for homelessness / housing loss
- Indigenous Identity
- Racialized Identity
- Gender Identity
- Sexual Orientation
- Family Homelessness
- Military Service
- Health - Illness/Medical Condition
- Health - Physical Limitation
- Health – Learning or Cognitive Limitations
- Health - Mental Health Issue
- Health - Substance Use Issue
- Child Welfare Involvement
- Income Source

As a Built for Zero Canada partner, the County of Renfrew will provide monthly updates that will be included on the [Built for Zero Canada](#) website. Our Renfrew County By-Name list will be live starting September 7, 2021 and our first report to Built for Zero Canada will be by mid October 2021. Starting October 2021, data from Renfrew County will be available on the website, however it is expected to take several months to accumulate substantive data through client interviews.

**2. Homelessness Point-in-Time Count [Strategic Plan Goals #1 & #3]**

Municipal service managers are mandated by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) to complete a Point-in-Time Count of Homelessness enumeration by December 31, 2021. There are 17 required data points (the same as the By-Name List) and this information must represent an individual's experience with homelessness on a specific date.

Our Community Services department will partner with organizations across Renfrew County to ensure that as many people as possible are surveyed. The targeted Point-in-Time date will be October 18, 2021 and surveys will be open for the full week of October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Attached as Appendix RCHC-I is a poster to advertise the Homelessness Point-in-Time Count.

**3. Homelessness Emergency Supports Card [Strategic Plan Goals #1 & #3]**

The Homelessness Emergency Supports Card will be provided to various locations throughout Renfrew County to ensure that people who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness are aware of who to contact.

Attached as Appendix RCHC-II is the Homelessness Emergency Supports Card.

**4. Funding Allocations – Comparison [Strategic Plan Goals #1 & #2]**

Year (Fiscal)	COHB	CHPI	OPHI	COCHI	SCRSP
<b>2021-2022</b>	\$267,431	\$1,447,608	\$659,300	\$451,899 Plus \$135,600	\$140,086
<b>2022-2023</b>	\$331,900	\$1,447,608	\$601,100	\$574,180	\$140,086

5. **Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) – April 2022 to March 2023  
[Strategic Plan Goals #1 & #2]**

The Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) is a program that provides a direct, monthly benefit payment to eligible low-income households to help pay their rent. The benefit payments are portable and based on household income and local market rent. Eligible households must be on or eligible to be on the social housing waitlist (qualify for Rent-Geared-to-Income).

For 2020-2021, the County of Renfrew COHB funding allocation was \$204,099 and through this 115 households who live in Renfrew County received monthly rent assistance. The total funding allocation for 2021-2022 is \$267,431 however only \$63,331 of this is new funding, representing only an additional 19 new eligible households.

We received confirmation from the MMAH that our funding allocation for 2022-2023 of \$331,900 is fully for new applicants. Compared to our funding allocation for new households during the fiscal year of 2021-2022, this will represent an increase of approximately five times as many new households that will become eligible for COHB rent assistance in Renfrew County starting April 1, 2022.

6. **Tenant Outreach [Strategic Plan Goal #3]**

Renfrew County Housing Corporation (RCHC) staff play an important role in our Community Housing. They routinely help tenants with life stabilization supports ranging from financial assistance, crisis intervention, and linkages to health services.

On July 20, 2021 Sandee's Country Kitchen in Arnprior donated 84 meals to Arnprior RCHC tenants. RCHC staff helped deliver these meals that were such a wonderful treat and greatly appreciated.

7. **Treasurer's Report [Strategic Plan Goal #2]**

Attached as Appendix RCHC-III is the Treasurer's Report for the Renfrew County Housing Corporation at June 30, 2021.