



## **RENFREW COUNTY HOUSING CORPORATION**

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

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An electronic meeting of the Renfrew County Housing Corporation Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Directors Present: Chair James Brose  
Vice-Chair John Reinwald  
Councillor Debbi Grills  
Councillor Ed Jacyno  
Councillor Kim Love  
Councillor Cathy Regier

Regrets: Warden Debbie Robinson

Officers Present: Paul Moreau, Chief Executive Officer  
Laura LePine, Chief Operating Officer

Staff Present: Jennifer Dombroskie, Manager of Housing and Homelessness  
Craig Kelley, Director of Development and Property  
Judy Mulvihill, Manager of Child Care and Early Years Services  
Andrea Patrick, Manager of Ontario Works  
Kevin Raddatz, Manager of Real Estate  
Roselyn Gruntz, Deputy Clerk  
Wendy Hill, Administrative Assistant

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Chair Brose called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The Chair recited the land acknowledgement, identifying that the meeting was being held on the traditional territory of the Algonquin People.

The roll was called and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

**RESOLUTION NO. RCHC-C-21-09-32**

Moved by Councillor Love

Seconded by Councillor Grills

THAT the minutes of the Renfrew County Housing Corporation Board of Directors meeting held on August 11, 2021 be adopted. CARRIED.

Ms. LePine overviewed the Director's Report, which is attached as Appendix A.

Ms. LePine introduced Mr. Kevin Raddatz, the new Manager of Real Estate in the Development and Property Department.

Committee requested that staff provide a comparison at the October meeting for the past few years on the full funding amounts for the provincially-delivered Housing and Homelessness Prevention Programs.

Ms. Dombroskie overviewed the Monthly Report, which is attached as Appendix B.

Councillor Love vacated the meeting at 1:15 p.m. and reentered the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Committee requested that Human Trafficking be included as a data point within the homelessness enumeration in the Built for Zero Initiative.

Committee directed staff to prepare a letter of thank you be sent from the Warden thanking Sandee's Country Kitchen, Arnprior and the Antrim Truck Stop, Arnprior for their support in providing meal donations to the community.

**RESOLUTION NO. RCHC-C-21-09-33**

Moved by Councillor Regier

Seconded by Councillor Reinwald

THAT the Director's Report and Monthly Report attached as Appendices A and B be approved. CARRIED.

**New Business**

Staff advised that signage has been upgraded and the safety issue was resolved regarding 911 signage at the Community Housing building on Reynolds Street in Pembroke.

**RESOLUTION NO. RCHC-C-21-09-34**

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Love

THAT this meeting adjourn and the next regular meeting be held on October 13, 2021. Time 1:40 p.m. CARRIED.

**COUNTY OF RENFREW**  
**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.