



REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE

For City Council – January 9, 2023

Additional Item

From: Office of the City Clerk

Date: Monday, January 09, 2023

Title: Rapid Housing Initiative Round 3 – Agreement between CMHC and CoF

Description:

Council-in-Committee, at its session held on January 9, 2023, considered an administrative report from the Director of Planning and Development which sought Council approval to enter into an agreement with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to fund the creation of affordable housing units in Fredericton.

The Government of Canada, through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) has announced Round 3 of the Rapid Housing Initiative. Total funding of \$1.5 billion is available in this round split between direct funding to 41 municipalities that have the most renters in severe housing need (\$500 million), and a project stream where there is an open application-based process to funding the development of housing (\$1 billion). The City of Fredericton has been selected to receive funding under this stream.

A final version of the Agreement is appended to this report. Council must consider and adopt a series of resolutions to permit the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Agreement. The Agreement confirms CMHC's that CMHC will transfer \$5,000,000 in funding to the City to create a minimum of 17 units of new permanent affordable housing.

Staff have initiated the other stages of the process to identify a third-party housing provider(s) that would receive the funding. An "Invitation to Participate" document was released on December 22, 2022 seeking proposals from housing providers that meet the CMHC criteria. The Invitation process closes on January 31, 2023. This timeline will allow for an adequate opportunity to identify viable projects, review with Council, initiate and conclude negotiations, and prepare another Agreement between the City and the third-party housing provider. This is consistent with the schedule provided to Council in December.

The Committee directed that the following resolution be forwarded to City Council for consideration:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby authorizes and approves the Rapid Housing Initiative Agreement between Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the City of Fredericton ("Agreement") with respect to developing affordable housing units in Fredericton dated January 3, 2023; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the local government and such further legal documents as may be required to facilitate this resolution.