



	REPORT No.: 2019-40
MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2019	DATE PREPARED: AUGUST 22, 2019
SUBJECT: FIRST REPORT TBDSSAB 10 YEAR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS PLAN – 5 YEAR UPDATE	

RECOMMENDATION

THAT with respect to Report No. 2019-40, (CAO's Office) we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (the Board), approve the receipt of the First Report – TBDSSAB 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan – 5 Year Update;

AND THAT any consensus changes to the proposed Plan resulting from the Board discussion be included in a revised draft for the Board's consideration prior to December 2019.

REPORT SUMMARY

To provide The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB or Board) with the TBDSSAB 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan – 5 Year Update with new recommendations for consideration.

BACKGROUND

The *Housing Services Act, 2011* requires Service Managers to develop a plan and identify objectives and targets related to housing and homelessness, as well as actions proposed to meet those objectives. At its July, 2014 meeting the Board approved the adoption of the 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan (Resolution No. 14/71). Resolution No. 14/71 also mandated that the TBDSSAB 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan be reviewed and updated biennially.

The 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan was developed through extensive District wide community consultations with a broad range of stakeholders representing the interests of people who are at different stages along the housing continuum. The recommendations in the report are also supported by detailed data analysis of the key factors that impact the supply and demand for housing.

COMMENTS

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) has mandated that Service Managers submit a 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan – 5 Year Update with new recommendations in order to capture changes that may have occurred since the original 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plans were developed.

The TBDSSAB 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan – 5 Year Update was developed through stakeholder consultation including Indigenous partners, individuals who utilize housing and homelessness services, and community organizations and service providers from throughout the District of Thunder Bay.

The result of this consultation includes the addition of 11 proposed recommendations that will guide the TBDSSAB's housing and homelessness program efforts over the coming years. These new recommendations include:

Advocacy

- 1.1 Advocate to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to address gaps in the Child Welfare system that lead to youth homelessness.
- 1.2 Advocate to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to encourage additional addiction support services.
- 1.3 Advocate for the continuation of provincially funded social housing renovation investment programs.

Rent Geared to Income and Rent Supplement

- 2.1 Expand the number of individuals and families receiving the Portable Housing Benefit to achieve the established Service Level Standards for the District of Thunder Bay.
- 2.2 Expand the number of Rent Supplement units to achieve the established Service Level Standards for the District of Thunder Bay.

Improved Sustainability of the Existing Housing Stock

- 3.1 Work in partnership with Not for Profit social housing providers and the Housing Services Corporation to ensure stable, viable projects at the expiry of mortgages.
- 3.2 Utilize the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) funding to address the capital repair requirements of Community Housing providers.
- 3.3 Explore opportunities for the development of a Community Land Trust in the District of Thunder Bay.

Participate in Supportive Housing Solutions

- 4.1 Participate in the development, implementation, and operation of a Coordinated Access System for the support services of individuals and families that require housing with supports.

Address Homelessness

- 5.1 Explore funding opportunities to expand the High Needs Homeless and Home for Good systems to assist a greater number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- 5.2 Explore opportunities to establish research partnerships to determine causes of migratory and transient homelessness in order to inform the development of adequate social policy intervention.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS



There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

CONCLUSION

It is concluded that this report provides the Board with the First Report - TBDSSAB 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan – 5 Year Update with new recommendations for consideration. A final report with any recommendations, will be presented to the Board for approval.

REFERENCE MATERIALS ATTACHED

Attachment #1 [Under One Roof: A Housing and Homelessness Plan – 5 Year Update](#)

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