

## Report HDR-SS-05-16

**To:** Chair Burley and Members of the Social Services Committee  
**From:** Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing  
**Meeting Date:** April 13, 2016  
**Subject:** Provincial Funding for Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Social Housing  
**Status:** Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution SSC33-16; Endorsed by County Council May 3, 2016 per Resolution CC56-16;

### Recommendations

**WHEREAS the County of Grey has applied to the Social Housing Electricity Efficiency Program (SHEEP) and was successful in receiving funding**

**AND WHEREAS the County of Grey received an allocation of funding in the amount of \$115,731 for SHEEP;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report HDR-SS-05-16 be received;**

**AND THAT the Clerk and Warden be authorized to sign the transfer payment agreement with the Province of Ontario;**

**AND THAT the allocation of funding for SHEEP in the amount of \$115,731 be approved to be expensed in 2016.**

### Background

Under the Provincial Climate Change Strategy, the province announced funding targeted at reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Social Housing Electricity Efficiency Program (SHEEP) aims to improve electric efficiency in social housing single homes that are substantially or entirely heated by electricity.

*Social Housing Electricity Efficiency Program (SHEEP)*

To be eligible to receive funding under SHEEP, the projects must be a single detached home, be a unit that is entirely or substantially heated by electricity and must be a unit where tenants are directly paying for the electricity costs.

SHEEP will only fund one of the following retrofit work:

- High efficiency heating systems
- Energy efficient hot water heaters
- Higher efficiency appliances
- Energy efficient windows and exterior doors
- Insulation
- LED lighting

Golden Town Residential in Meaford has 63 two and three bedroom family town homes that are heated by electricity and the tenant directly pays the electricity costs. The townhomes were built in 1991 and the windows are original. The windows are large and affect the heating efficiency of the units. The windows will be replaced with energy efficient windows. Grey County as the Service Manager submitted a proposal on behalf of Golden Town Residential to replace windows at a cost of \$301,355. **The proposal was successful and funding in the amount of \$115,731 has been allocated through the SHEEP program to the County of Grey for Golden Town Residential in Meaford.**

Grey County is responsible for entering into a transfer payment agreement with the Province, ensure that only eligible work is funded, monitor all phases of the program implementation to ensure accountability for the use of the funds and collect required performance measurement data to and submit to MMAH.

Units in Grey County Housing were not eligible for this funding as tenants do not pay their own electricity costs.

Financial / Staffing / Legal / Information Technology

Considerations

\$115,731 in provincial funding provided to the County of Grey for the fiscal year of 2016 This program will have a neutral impact on the County as no levy funds will be required.

## Link to Strategic Goals / Priorities

Program will assist in the creation and sustainability of affordable housing units.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Director of Housing