 Committee Report

# Report HDR-CW-06-17

**To**: Chair Burley and Members of the Social Services Committee

**From**: Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing

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**Meeting Date:** May 25, 2017

**Subject: Housing and Homelessness Plan: 2016 A Year in Review**

**Status**: Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution CW-103-17; Endorsed by County Council June 29, 2017 per Resolution CC27-17

## Recommendation

**THAT Report HDR-CW-06-17 pertaining to Grey County Housing and Homelessness 10 Year Plan Annual Report be received for information.**

## Background

The County of Grey Housing and Homelessness Plan encompasses the entire housing continuum including homelessness prevention, transitional and emergency housing, supportive housing, rent geared to income housing, private rental housing and affordable homeownership

The Grey County Housing and Homelessness Plan outlines the vision and direction that forms a 10 year strategy to improve the housing and homelessness system in Grey County. The plan builds on past successes, enhances current programs and promotes and strengthens community networks. The plan describes how this will be achieved through a list of recommendations aimed at creating positive outcomes.

Each year an evaluation of the implementation and tracking of key indicators are reported on. The following is an evaluation of 2016, the third year of the 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan for Grey County.

Highlights from the report include:

* $262,000 spent helping households in Grey County make repairs and increase energy efficiency.
* Funding through Community Enhancement funds to support various community initiatives such as, community meals, community gardens, transportation costs, etc.
* $602,000 was distributed through the Sustainable Housing benefit to prevent homelessness
* Active partnerships with 22 community partners (and growing) to improve the health and well-being of Grey County Housing tenants such as Community Gardens, Good Food Box, Family Health Teams, Children’s Mental Health
* Continued work with sector associations for Federal and Provincial investment in social and affordable housing
* Information on partnerships and pilot projects with community partners such as Hope Grey Bruce Outreach Program, Bruce Grey Data Information Sharing Collaboration, CHAP-EMS, Alpha Pavilion, Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force and more.

Grey County reports annually to our stakeholders; County Council, the Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force, the Healthy Communities Initiative, Non Profit Providers, Grey Bruce Health Unit, Ministry of Housing and other interested community partners. A copy of the report is also available on our website and sent as part of our newsletter to tenants of Grey County Housing.

## Financial / Staffing / Legal / Information Technology Considerations

Continued funding commitment from various levels of government to support social and affordable housing programs.

## Link to Strategic Goals / Priorities

The Housing and Homelessness 10 Year Plan addresses the goal of community sustainability by continuing to provide housing that is affordable, safe and accessible.

## Attachments

[2016 Housing and Homelessness Report](https://docs.grey.ca/share/s/z7uSwA_3QPitIQxMcxaZtQ)

Respectfully submitted by,

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