

REPORT NO. 365 of the  
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT,  
HEALTH & CULTURE STANDING COMMITTEE  
of its meeting held February 3, 2016

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Present: Councillor Ed Sleiman, Chair  
Councillor Paul Borrelli  
Councillor Rino Bortolin  
Councillor John Elliott

Absent: Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac

That the following recommendation of the Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee **BE APPROVED** as follows:

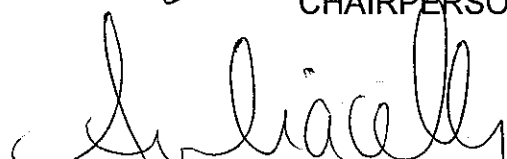
Moved by Councillor Elliott, seconded by Councillor Borrelli,  
THAT the minutes of the Housing Advisory Committee meeting held September 22, 2015 **BE RECEIVED** for information.  
Carried.

Clerk's Note: The minutes of the Housing Advisory Committee meeting held September 22, 2015 are **attached** as background information.

**SCM 34/2015**

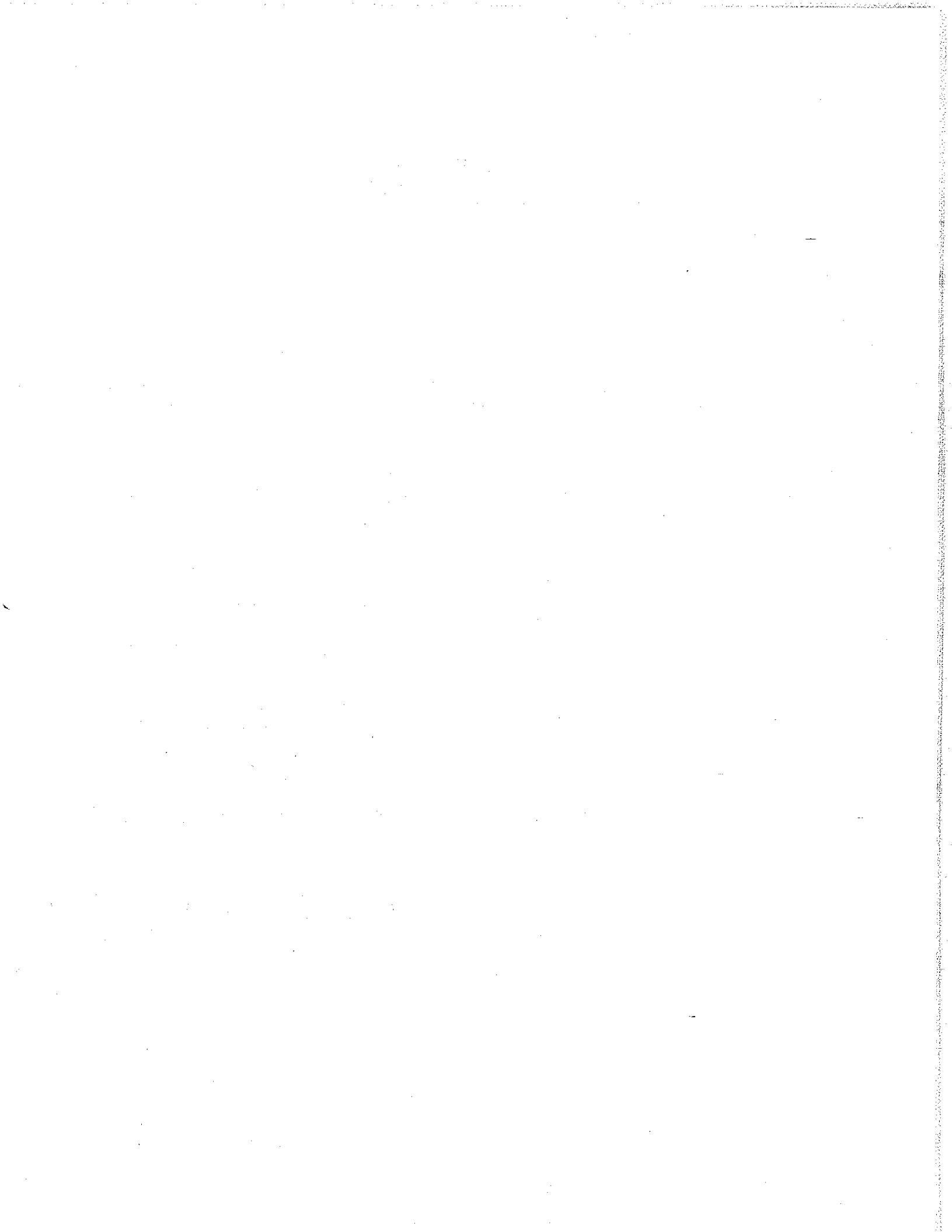


CHAIRPERSON



SUPERVISOR OF COUNCIL SERVICES

NOTIFICATION:				
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Windsor, Ontario September 22, 2015

A meeting of the **Housing Advisory Committee** is held this day commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the Public Works Board Room, 1266 McDougall there being present the following members:

Marina Clemens, Chairperson  
Anna Angelidis  
Linda Coltman  
Steve Govette  
Eric Hill  
Jessica Kipping  
Sid Palumbo  
Jim Steele  
Leigh Vachon  
Mike Van der Vlist (arrives at 9:07 a.m.)  
Angela Yakonich

**Regrets received from:**

Councillor John Elliott  
Mayor Gary McNamara

**Guest in attendance:**

David Hanna

**Also present are the following resource personnel:**

Chris Aspila, Planner III  
Judith Binder, CMHC  
Joelle Jackson, CMHC  
Kelly Goz, Housing Administration & Development Coordinator  
Rob Oleynik, Program Coordinator  
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson calls the meeting to order at 9:04 o'clock a.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" **attached** hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

2. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

None disclosed.

3. **MINUTES**

Moved by L. Vachon, seconded by J. Steele,

That the minutes of the Housing Advisory Committee of its meeting held June 2, 2015

**BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

4. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

4.1 **Meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing – July 2015**

The Chairperson reports several members of HAC along with city staff met with the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing in Tecumseh on July 15, 2015. Topics of discussion included expansion of the Central Housing Registry, expansion of block funding, rent supplement and benchmarking, the Housing First Model and housing initiatives in Windsor Essex.

A. Angelidis remarks the meeting went well with the Minister and indicates he was receptive to suggestions. She notes the Minister indicated the Windsor/Essex region experiences the same issues as other municipalities throughout the province.

The Chairperson thanks Mayor McNamara for allowing HAC to meet with the Minister.

4.2 **2015 IAHE Program Delivery Statistics**

R. Oleynik provides an overview of the IAHE 2 Program Delivery HAC Update – April 1, 2015 to August 31, 2015 Windsor Essex. He notes Table 1 – Unit Targets refers to unit take-up and not necessarily funding take-up.

A. Angelidis states individuals now have a choice as it relates to housing; focus on education and with rent supp, individuals will be able to afford a nicer unit.

M. Van der Vlist advises additional funding will be requested in 2016 to build 2 more Habitat for Humanity homes. He states a fully accessible home was constructed in 2015 in Cottam and homes will be built in Windsor and in Leamington.

#### **4.3 Windsor Essex Housing Connection Housing First Implementation Update**

K. Goz provides an overview of the "Windsor Essex Housing Connections Program Details" document. She provides the following as it relates to this initiative:

- The team is currently supporting 70 chronic or episodic individuals in Windsor Essex. Windsor Essex Housing Connections will continue to work with these individuals for up to 3 years. There are a few families, but mostly single males and females are being supported.
- Ontario Trillium has provided a grant to Windsor Residence Inc. for three years to employ a housing support worker dedicated to youth.
- Gift cards have been purchased through Homelessness Partnering Strategy funding which will provide autonomy to individuals to purchase what they need for their homes.
- This program to date has made a huge impact on people's lives.

#### **4.4 Application for Funding to Employment and Social Development Canada to Conduct a Point-in-Time Count**

K. Goz states there is Federal funding available for communities to complete a Point-in-Time count. She notes a funding application was completed in August 2015 to receive \$41,000 for this initiative in Windsor Essex. She indicates the funding related to the Point in Time Count will be to implement an exercise to accurately count the number of homeless individuals in Windsor Essex County. It is the intention that this will be undertaken in the near future if funding is approved within the first 60 days of 2016 (date to be determined) whereby approximately 100 volunteers will be sent throughout the City/County in teams between 10:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. to count the number of homeless people encountered.

#### **4.5 Expiry of Federal Operating Agreements**

R. Oleynik distributes a document entitled "Social Housing in Windsor and Essex County", attached as Appendix "A".

In terms of the document entitled "Annual Apportionment of Federal Funds by Social Housing Program – 2013-2020 – Windsor-Essex Service Area, R. Oleynik reports three providers will require continued support when the agreement expires. J. Steele states a structural change to the program is being reviewed. R. Oleynik notes that the social housing portfolio funding is derived from the Federal Government at 30%, the City at 44% and the County at 22%.

The Chairperson states the documents provide a glimpse of what may occur in the future including the number of rent geared to income units (RGI) which may be lost in the City/County.

A. Angelidis expresses concern that by the year 2020, 3,600 RGI units will be gone.

**4.6 Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy – Consultation Review**

The Chairperson states the consultation for the Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy was completed in June 2015. J. Binder indicates the recommendations and next steps were not in the purview of the province and she suggests a report be provided to the Federal government.

Moved by A. Angelidis, seconded by L. Coltman,

That subsequent to the October 19, 2015 Federal Election, that the Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy-Consultation Review document **BE SENT** to the newly elected Members of Parliament for their information.

Carried

The Chair advises she along with K. Goz will create an addendum to be sent to the province.

K. Goz distributes the document entitled “2014 Windsor Essex Annual Report to the Community on the 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan”, attached as Appendix “B”.

**5. UPDATES FROM MEMBERS**

L. Vachon reports the numbers of beds at Victoria Manor have been reduced to approximately 80 beds due to the fixed funding amount on subsidies but also notes there has been an increase in per diem rates.

E. Hill states there is an RFP to construct 30 new units through the Ontario Aboriginal services.

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on November 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 407, 400 City Hall Square East.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 10:08 o'clock a.m.

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CHAIRPERSON

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**COMMITTEE COORDINATOR**

AGENDA  
And Schedule "A"  
to the minutes of the meeting of the

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HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held Tuesday, September 22, 2015  
at 9:00 o'clock a.m.  
Public Works Board Room  
266 McDougall

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

3. **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held June 2, 2015 *(attached)*.

4. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

4.1 **Meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing – July 2015**  
Mayor G. McNamara to provide an update.

4.2 **2015 IAHE Program Delivery Statistics**

The Housing Administration and Development Coordinator (R. Oleynik) to lead the discussion. The IAHE Year 2 Program Delivery HAC Update – April 1, 2015 to August 31, 2015 Windsor Essex – *attached*. The 2015 Ontario Renovates Program for Homeowner is *attached*.

4.3 **Windsor Essex Housing Connections Housing First Implementation Update**

The Housing Administration and Development Coordinator (K. Goz) to lead the discussion. The Windsor Essex Housing Connections Program Details – *attached*.

4.4 **Application for Funding to Employment and Social Development Canada to Conduct a Point-in-Time Count**

The Housing Administration and Development Coordinator (K. Goz) to lead the discussion.



4.5 **Expiry of Federal Operating Agreements**

The Housing Administration and Development Coordinator (R. Oleynik) to lead the discussion. The Annual Apportionment of Federal Funds by Social Housing Program 2012 – 2020 Windsor-Essex Service Area – attached.

4.6 **Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy – Consultation Review**

Comments from HAC members. The document entitled “Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy (LTAHS) Windsor Essex – Renewal Consultation” is attached.

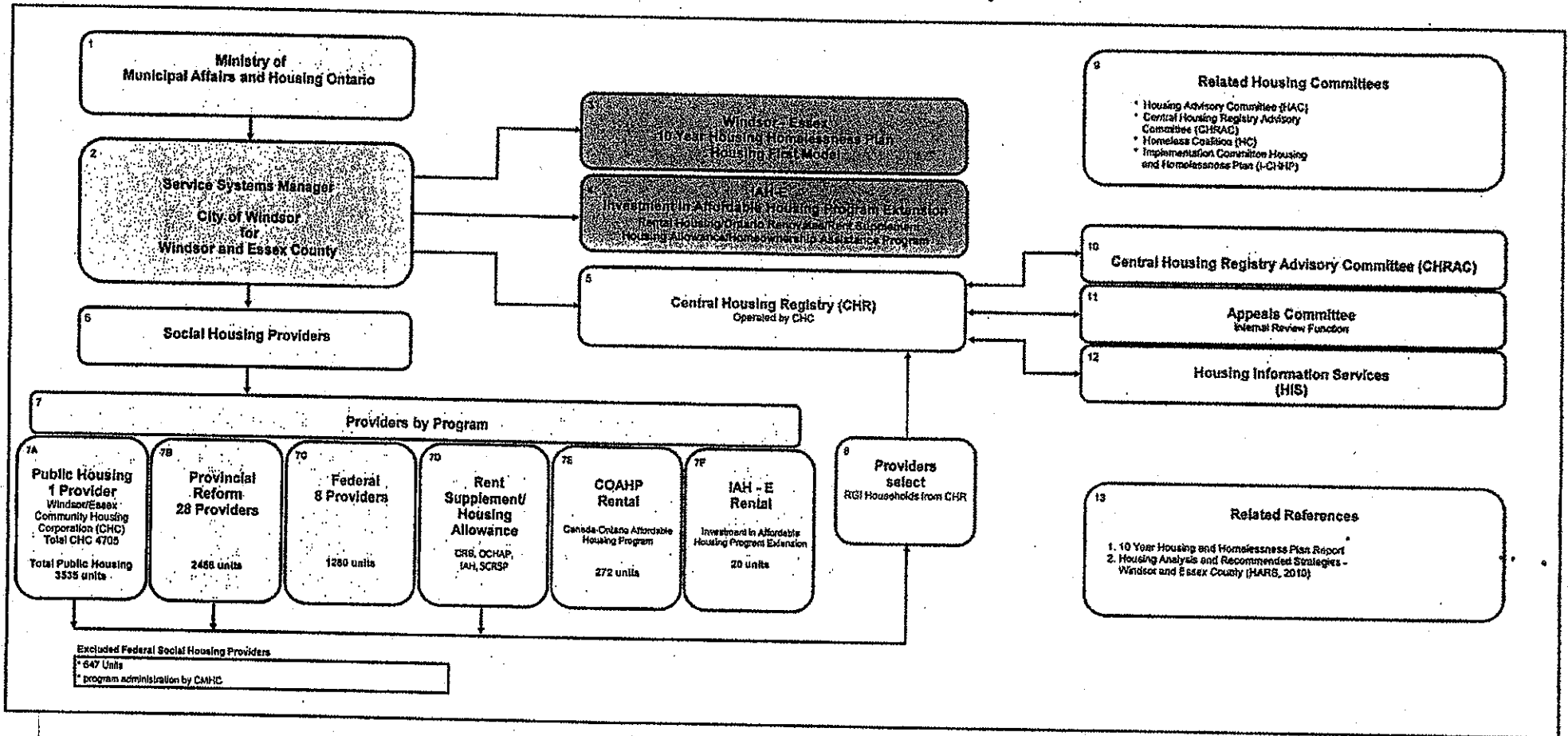
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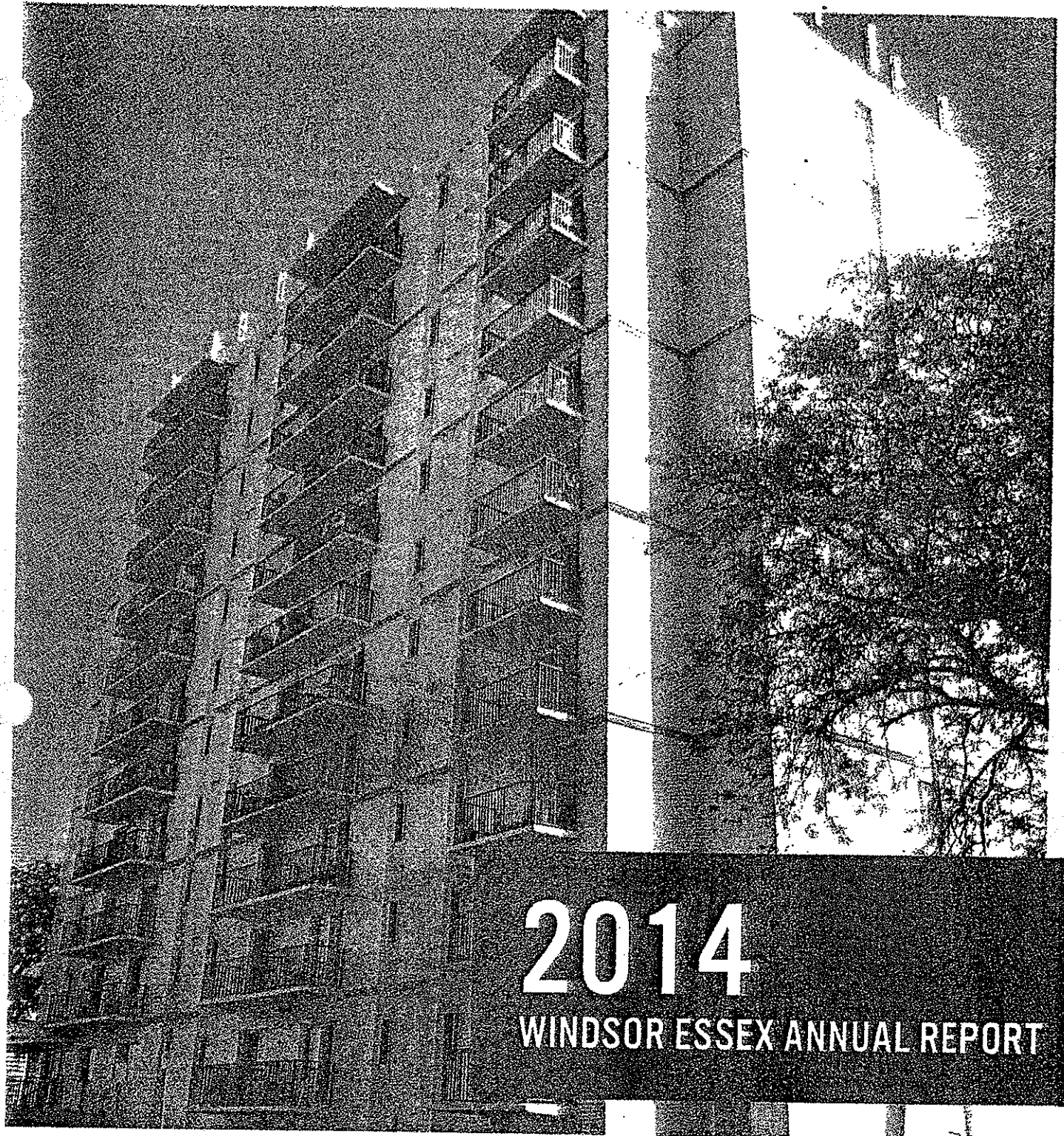
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# Social Housing in Windsor and Essex County





# 2014

## WINDSOR ESSEX ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE COMMUNITY ON THE 10 YEAR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS PLAN

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APPENDIX "B"

# PREFACE

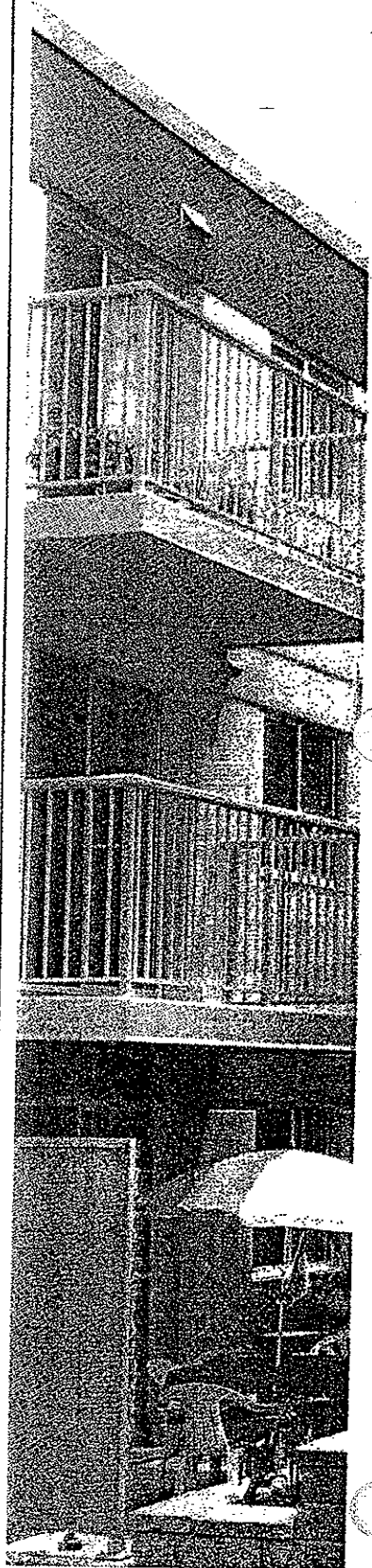
We are pleased to provide you with the first annual Report to the Community on the Windsor Essex 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan (Plan). As Windsor Essex approaches the anniversary of the completion of the Plan, there are a number of things that have been accomplished by the community as we continue to work towards providing a comprehensive Housing First approach to deliver a system of housing and homelessness services. This report is intended to highlight various accomplishments and challenges faced throughout 2014, and to provide a framework for items to be addressed moving forward into 2015.

## HOW DID WE GET HERE?

The Housing Services Act, 2011 (HSA) requires that each Service Manager have a ten year plan to address Housing and Homelessness. The HSA required that each plan include the following principles:

1. Housing First
2. People-Centred
3. Partnership Based
4. Locally Driven
5. Inclusive
6. Fiscally Responsible; and
7. Outcome Focused

The process of developing the Housing and Homelessness Plan for Windsor Essex began in 2012 with the establishment of the Windsor Essex Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy (LTAHS) Advisory Committee. The Committee includes representatives from the City of Windsor and County of Essex, as well as community partners and stakeholders. The LTAHS Committee developed a preliminary housing and homelessness systems model, which formed the basis for the Housing and Homelessness Plan. In early 2013, SHS Consulting was retained to assist with the development of the Plan, under the guidance of the LTAHS committee, through a series of community wide stakeholder workshops; focus groups and interviews; surveys; and agency-led discussions with persons utilizing various services. The process for developing the Housing and Homelessness Plan built on the work undertaken for the Windsor Essex Housing Analysis Recommended Strategies (HARS) Report in 2004 and 2010.



# THE WINDSOR ESSEX 10 YEAR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS PLAN

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The Windsor Essex 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan was approved by City Council in May 2014. The Plan addresses key aspects of housing from homelessness to affordable home ownership and focuses on housing stability, homelessness prevention and quick access to permanent housing, rather than emergency responses. The Plan also considers the housing and support needs of specific population groups, including persons with disabilities, Aboriginal people, immigrants, youth, seniors and victims of domestic violence. The Plan establishes a process to measure and report on progress toward meeting the identified goals.

The Plan adopts a Housing First approach, using a common assessment priority tool (SPDAT) and provides a vision, 7 goals and 63 strategies identified by the community to achieve the principles outlined in the Housing Services Act (HSA).

## WHAT IS HOUSING FIRST?

A Housing First approach is where people who are experiencing homelessness obtain and maintain permanent, affordable housing and assists those who are at-risk of homelessness to remain housed. A range of factors can put housing security at risk, including low income; health issues/illness (including mental health issues); substance use; incarceration or other legal issues; hospitalization; family breakdown; violence; discrimination; and inadequate and/or unsafe housing. Housing First is a person centred approach that places the highest priority on retaining and attaining permanent housing as quickly as possible and then providing the support necessary to maintain it housing.

## WHAT IS SPDAT?

The Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (SPDAT) is a common assessment tool that will assist support workers in examining the components of a person's or family's life that are most likely to result in housing instability. The SPDAT will assist the support worker to understand the depth of these issues; which household is most likely to benefit from which type of housing support intervention; which household should be prioritized above others based upon their acuity; and, informs the case planning process so that time is spent working on those areas that are most likely going to result in the person/family becoming homeless again.

## WHAT IS THE PLAN'S VISION?

Windsor Essex is an inclusive community where everyone has a safe, affordable, accessible, and quality home, and everyone lives where they can actively participate.

## WHAT ARE THE PLAN'S GOALS AND STRATEGIES?

There are 7 Goals under the Plan as follows:

1. Access
2. Person Centered Supports
3. Interim Housing
4. Housing Linked with Supports
5. Rental Housing
6. Ownership Housing
7. Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

The Plan identifies 63 strategies to be implemented by the end of 2023. Of those, the community identified 29 strategies as priorities which have been targeted for completion in 2014 - 2015.