Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – April 21, 2021

REPORTS

Item No. 17 Housing Activity Report – 2019 Second Quarter (April 1 to June 31) and 2019 Third Quarter (July 1 to September 30)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

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Urban Planning and Design Division

Housing Activity Report to the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee

2019 Quarter 2 (April 1 to June 30) and Quarter 3 (July 1 to September 30)

Housing Rehabilitation Investment Reserve

- Seventeen new projects were approved by the Director of the Planning, Property and Development Department for a total of $1,185,000 from the HRIR fiscal budget and slippage from previous years.
- Number of Approved Housing Rehabilitation Investment Reserve Grants by Type:

Housing Coordination Activities	2
Indigenous Renovations	4
Affordable Housing Developments	4
Capacity Building	2
New Housing Plan	1
Exterior Repair Programs	4

- Between April 1st and October 21st, division staff have processed 27 Minimum Home Repair Grants.

Activities and Accomplishments

- Division staff attended two meetings of Housing Stakeholders (monthly or bi-monthly meetings) in Housing Improvement Zone neighbourhoods where funds are allocated from the City's Housing Rehabilitation Investment Reserve. These meetings serve as a means to facilitate regular communication with community stakeholders regarding housing concerns and opportunities in targeted neighbourhoods.
- The Program Manager met with Indigenous Housing Providers to discuss use of funds under the Indigenous Housing Program. Several projects were proposed to address declining housing conditions in housing units that are no longer supported under federal or provincial agreements.
- The Program Manager met with CMHC staff to discuss opportunities for collaboration.

- Division staff met with several developers to discuss potential affordable multiple-family projects in Winnipeg. Developers are interested in assistance through the Housing Rehabilitation Investment Reserve and from other incentives that might be available from the City.
- The Real Estate Division has been negotiating the sale of eight City-owned lots within the William Whyte neighbourhood for a reduced cost to non-profit housing providers. These lot sales are part of a pilot project approved by Council on January 25, 2018. To date, agreements have been reached for five lots.
- Division staff met with representatives of the Institute of Urban Studies (University of Winnipeg) to discuss progress on the project to conduct a Comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment for Winnipeg. Although the estimated completion date for the study was May 2019, a comprehensive data set was not available until August and an extension was granted to the IUS. IUS is confident that they will provide a draft late October, early November.
- Division staff attended a public announcement for a UWCRC 2.0 Inc. project at 175 Colony St. The City of Winnipeg funded $250,000.00 toward construction of 56 affordable units (out of 110 self-contained units). Councillor Mayes attended on behalf of Council.