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Staff Report CAO2022-071

Title of Report: South Grey Housing Corporation Municipal Working Group
Update Report

Department: Administration

Council Date: October 5, 2022

Council Recommendation:

Be it resolved that Council receive staff report CAO2022-071 as information; and

That Council in its new term consider appointment of 2 members to the South Grey Housing Corporation Working Group to discuss the Terms of Reference document and to establish the framework and strategy to create a South Grey Housing Corporation.

Background:

At the Council meeting held on August 18th, 2022 staff report CAO2022-049 presented Southgate Affordable Attainable Housing Advisory Committee proposal to develop a South Grey Housing Development Corporation and the presentation made to area municipalities. As a result, the following resolution was approved by Council:

Moved By Councillor Frew; **Seconded By** Councillor Dobreen;

Be it resolved that Council receive staff report CAO2022-049 as information; and

That Council approve staff to develop a draft South Grey Housing Corporation Working Group Terms of Reference document and a framework for the 4 municipal partners of Grey Highlands, Hanover, Southgate and West Grey to meet and explore the opportunity to create a Housing Corporation by developing a short-term plan and longer term strategy for the region.

Carried No. 2022-550

At the Council meeting held on September 7th, 2022 staff report CAO2022-058 titled "South Grey Housing Corporation Municipal Working Group Draft Terms of Reference Report" was presented and the following resolution was approved:

Moved By Councillor Shipston; **Seconded By** Councillor Rice;

Be it resolved that Council receive staff report CAO2022-058 as information; and

That Council approve the draft South Grey Housing Corporation Working Group Terms of Reference document and provide feedback to staff.

Carried No. 2022-588

The purpose of that report was to seek Southgate Council approval of a draft South Grey Housing Corporation Municipal Working Group Terms of Reference document as the document for initial discussions with the 4 municipal partners of Grey Highlands, Hanover, Southgate and West Grey.

Staff Comments:

Staff did not receive any feedback for further changes to the South Grey Housing Corporation Municipal Working Group Terms of Reference document, so we proceeded to share it with Grey Highlands, Hanover and West Grey CAOs on September 13th, 2022. The feedback received is that in the new term of Council we would proceed with each appointing 2 members of Council to work with staff to get the working group started with the CAO's support.

The plan would be to meet with representatives from each member Council and their CAOs to:

1. Agree to a final South Grey Housing Corporation Terms of Reference document; and
2. Explore the opportunity and process to create South Grey Housing Corporation; and
3. Create both a short-term plan and longer term strategy for the region in relation to setting up a South Grey Housing Corporation in 2023 that defines the Municipal and Corporation roles and responsibilities.

Financial Impact or Long Term Implications

There is no financial impact as a result of this report in the 2022 budget other than staff time. Consideration in the 2023 budget cycle discussions will need to consider about \$40,000.00 investment to the South Grey Development Corporation.

Communications & Community Action Plan Impact:

This report has been written and presented to Council to communicate accurate information to the public.

Goal 3 - Promoting Health Services and Housing Choices

Action 3:

The residents and businesses of Southgate envision a caring community which meets the needs of all ages and incomes for a healthy and comfortable life, even as our population grows and changes.

Strategic Initiatives 3-A (2019-2023):

By means of appropriate policies, incentives and development partners, the Township will facilitate a significant increase in the supply and variety of both rental and purchase housing/accommodation within Southgate.

Concluding Comments

1. That Council receive this report as information.

2. That Council in the new term starting November 21st, 2022 consider appointing 2 members of Council to the South Grey Housing Corporation Working Group to:
- Discuss and finalize the Terms of Reference document; and
 - Establish the framework to create a South Grey Housing Corporation; and
 - Work with Grey Highlands, Hanover and West Grey Council representatives and staff to explore the opportunity to create Housing Corporation by developing a short term plan and longer term strategy for the region.

Respectfully Submitted,

CAO approval: Original Signed By Dave Milliner – CAO
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