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TO/DEST. Community Services Committee

FROM/EXP. Councillor Alex Munter
 Chair, Social Housing Working Group

SUBJECT/OBJET **SOCIAL HOUSING WORKING GROUP: TERMS OF
REFERENCE**

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Services Committee and Council approve the Terms of Reference for the Social Housing Working Group, attached.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting of 11 February 1998, Regional Council passed a motion to strike a Social Housing Working Group to assist it in preparing for the transition to regional government administration of social housing in Ottawa Carleton. Membership in the Working Group is as follows:

Regional Councillors:

- Wendy Byrne
- Diane Holmes
- Peter Hume
- Alex Munter (Chair)

Regional Staff:

- Marnie Cappe, Planning Department
- Linda Capperault, Social Services Department

Housing Sector Representatives:

- Derek Ballantyne, City Living
- Catherine Boucher, Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation
- John Cook, Ottawa-Carleton Housing
- Olga Tasci, Co-operative Housing Association of Eastern Ontario

Social Housing Residents Representatives:

- Louise Fisher
- Sandra Vezina

An early requirement of the Working Group was that it prepare, for approval by Committee and Council, Terms of Reference. The first meeting of the Working Group was held on 26 May 1998. The attached Terms of Reference was approved by members at that meeting.

Approved by
A. Munter

Attachment (1)

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF OTTAWA-CARLETON
SOCIAL HOUSING WORKING GROUP
TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE:

To prepare RMOC for the transition to regional government administration of social housing.

MANDATE:

To make recommendations to Regional Council through the Community Services Committee, in accordance with Council's decision of 11 February 1998, and to review policy changes related to social housing.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. To define RMOC's new responsibilities in social housing, consistent with the overall framework set by the Ontario government (not yet finalized) and consistent with protecting the interests of those in need of affordable housing.
2. To develop a range of organizational models for RMOC to carry out its responsibilities in social housing, particularly with regard to:
 - the management and/or administration of social housing;
 - linkages with existing RMOC services;
 - the role of community based organizations
3. To develop a consultation plan to ensure adequate opportunities for stakeholder and public input.
4. To develop a protocol for RMOC involvement with providers, consistent with provincial requirements (not yet finalized)
5. To review provincial proposals regarding the downloading of social housing, including those related to transitional matters as well as program reform and to provide input directly as part of any consultative process.
6. To develop recommendations for Community Services Committee and Council based on a majority vote of the Working Group.
7. To advocate on behalf of social housing.

TIMING:

It is anticipated that the work of the Social Housing Working Group will be completed no later than December 31, 1999.

MEMBERSHIP:

The Working Group will be comprised of:

- Four Regional Councillors
- Four representatives of the social housing sectors (one each from the municipal non-profit, private non-profit, public (Ottawa-Carleton Housing) and co-operative sectors)
- Two social housing residents
- Two members of Regional staff

MEETINGS:

Meetings will be open and all those with an interest in the future of social housing in Ottawa-Carleton will be encouraged to participate to ensure as much input as possible.