

HS 2024-01 – Attachment 1
2023 Annual Progress Report on the 10 Year Shelter Plan as of December 31, 2023

Recommendation #1	Actions	Measures	Targets	Outcomes	Comments
Increase affordable rental housing supply	New rental housing units are created.	Additional rental stock is created throughout the County. Government, non-profit and private sector resources are leveraged to stimulate housing supply.	Support the creation of 50 new affordable units per year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction commenced on the affordable housing project located at 785 Southwood Way, Woodstock, consisting of 52 rental units (including 29 at affordable rental rates). • Development approvals commenced for the affordable housing project located at 175 Springbank Road North, Woodstock, consisting of 45 rental units (including 23 at affordable rental rates). • Occupancy was issued for the 18-unit affordable housing project located at 31 Victoria Street, Tillsonburg. • Discussions commenced for two prospective affordable housing projects in the Township of Zorra and Town of Tillsonburg, in support of the Master Housing Strategy. • Planning approvals were initiated for a prospective project in the Town of Tillsonburg. • One Habitat for Humanity home ownership unit was completed in the Town of Tillsonburg. • The County Second Unit Program was updated to reflect current market conditions, and a total of 8 applications were approved, producing additional affordable rental units. 	Staff continued to promote advanced construction techniques (modular), additional residential units, special zone provisions, development of multi-unit affordable housing projects, the availability of shovel-ready land and communication regarding the development process.
Recommendation #2	Actions	Measures	Targets	Outcomes	Comments
Preserve and optimize existing housing stock	34 housing projects listed in Schedule 25 of Regulation 368/11 are maintained.	Rent subsidies are maintained in current non-profit housing and Oxford County housing portfolios.	100% of existing housing stock is preserved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34 housing projects listed in Schedule 25 of Regulation 368/11 were maintained. • Worked with housing providers that have agreements near completion. • Promoted the completion of Building Condition Assessments (BCA) for non-profit and cooperative housing providers. 	As mortgages come to an end and operating agreements start to expire, there is an increasing need to focus on expanding/ revitalizing existing housing sites and entering into new agreements with existing providers.

		<p>New Agreements are signed between the County and non-profit housing providers whose operating agreements are expiring (provincial subsidies ceasing).</p> <p>Building Condition Assessments (BCA) are completed for Oxford County housing stock.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The County expended funds under the Repair Program to support critical repairs for both housing providers and 8 households. 	<p>The Master Housing Strategy examined existing housing sites throughout the County, to determine if redevelopment is possible in an effort to extend service agreements.</p>
Recommendation #3	Actions	Measures	Targets	Outcomes	Comments
Reduce chronic homelessness	<p>Increase the number of individuals who are successfully housed.</p> <p>Work with community partners to ensure housing stability is achieved.</p>	<p>Individuals and families are supported by community partners to obtain and sustain shelter or permanent housing.</p>	<p>100% of the individuals on the By Name List receive the supports needed to achieve housing stability.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 24/7 Emergency Shelter System in Woodstock was fully implemented and an additional 25 spaces were approved. The Out of the Cold Shelter in Tillsonburg opened, providing shelter for those experiencing homelessness starting from November 1, 2023. Additional hotel spaces continued to be available for overnight shelter purposes. A total of \$1.7 million from the Provincial Homelessness Prevention program (HPP) was expended on various supports and services for those at risk of or experiencing homelessness. The County, along with community partners, increased the hours of the Mobile Health Outreach Bus (MHOB) and the frequency of attending known encampments. Established a Core Encampment Response Team. Council authorized staff to proceed with the development of a Homelessness Response Strategy to support strategic decision-making and investment of resources with 	<p>There is a continued and ongoing need to reduce chronic homelessness.</p> <p>Staff also consulted with community partners in an effort to provide more supports to those in need.</p> <p>Community Partners received HPP funding for the creation of outreach staff to work with those at risk of or experiencing homelessness.</p>

				<p>the goal of providing recommendations and solutions to address the current pressures in the homelessness system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 39 individuals from the By Name List were housed in transitional or permanent housing. • Created a Navigator position within the County to work with those experiencing or at risk of homelessness. 	
Recommendation #4	Actions	Measures	Targets	Outcomes	Comments
Increase housing with related supports	Increase number of supportive housing units available.	<p>Provide rent supplements to allow individuals who require supportive housing to focus on their wellness.</p> <p>Advocate to the Local Health Integration Network or Ontario Health Team to ensure appropriate funding is allocated to Oxford to increase supportive housing units.</p>	100% of those in need of housing with related supports (supportive) are accommodated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased the number of supportive housing units that are available and supported the creation of 7 transitional housing beds. • Entered into arrangements with community partners for the provision of housing individuals from the By Name List into housing with supports. 	<p>There is a continued and ongoing need to increase housing related support.</p> <p>Staff consulted with community partners in an effort to provide more supports to those in need.</p>
Recommendation #5	Actions	Measures	Targets	Outcomes	Comments
Increase rent supplement units in the community	Increase number of privately owned rental units that allow tenants in receipt of a rent supplement to sign a lease.	Provide rent supplements to individuals and families and women fleeing an abusive living environment who are on the social housing wait list and who can secure housing in the private rental market with subsidy to move with them.	100% of new rent supplement funding is offered to low-income households.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 52 households received a rent supplement and 49 households received a portable housing benefit through the Canada Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB). 	<p>Higher rental rates require greater subsidies to maintain affordability, resulting in an overall decrease in the number of households able to be assisted.</p> <p>Due to low vacancy rates, there were minimal move-outs from RGI housing.</p>