

## County Council Commitment to Affordable Housing

Increasing affordable housing options continues to be a primary goal of Lanark County Council. Earlier this year, Council passed the County's updated [10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan](#). The plan recognizes the need for affordable housing in the community and has ambitious goals to increase housing stock and rent assistance programs over the next decade.

As part of the 10-year Plan and under the direction of County Council, the construction of a new 20-unit apartment building at 7 Arthur Street, Carleton Place is underway. The building will contain 15 rent-g geared-to-income units and 5 affordable housing units. It will contain 4 fully accessible units and will consist of 1- and 2-bedroom units to address the high demand for smaller homes.

The 20-unit building came about as part of the Lanark County Housing Corporation's plan to redevelop the property located at the Joseph Edwards Pattie (JEP) junction in Carleton Place. In 2015, it was determined the JEP units had reached their end of useful life and the plan was to redevelop the site. In 2016 during the redevelopment process, it was discovered that the JEP property had been partially impacted with petroleum hydrocarbons, although the full extent of the contamination was not known. This put a halt to the redevelopment project at JEP and legal action was commenced. That process is currently ongoing with the parties working through the legal process towards a resolution.

Since the closure of JEP, several new housing supports have been implemented, in addition to the ongoing portfolio of programs to help enhance rental affordability in the community. The full suite of housing related services and supports offered by the County can be found on the website and range from financial assistance for first time home buyers to assistance with rental and utility arrears.

### 2018

- 10 new rent supplement units; these units are contracts with private landlords to offer rent-g geared-to-income housing
- 4 new rent supplement units for Victims of Violence in partnership with Lanark County Interval House
- Funded the construction of 11 new affordable housing units in partnership with Carebridge Community Support in Almonte
- Funded the construction of 2 new affordable housing units in Perth
- 43 new rent support spaces; a monthly subsidy to assist with high rent costs

### 2019

- 15 new portable housing benefit spaces; a monthly subsidy issued directly to eligible households to help with high rent costs
- 5 new short-term rent subsidy spaces for youth

2020

- 20 additional portable housing benefit spaces created
- 35 new rent supports spaces launched
- 20 new community housing units under construction in Carleton Place
- Two expressions of interest released to the public for housing services, supports and possible capital funding
- Emergency services and supports to assist with the COVID-19 recovery including food distribution and security; a rent and mortgage arrears program; longer-term hotel stays for people experiencing homelessness; COVID-19 isolation centre; mental health support line, etc.

In 2021, the 10-year Plan calls for an additional 10 portable housing spaces; and in 2022, the development of 10 new community housing units.

“The foundation for a healthy community is safe, affordable housing for all residents. While we have made progress in some areas, such as the current condition of our housing stock (good state of repair), new housing subsidies, and programs to ensure people stay housed; there is still more to be done. It is important that we continue to set strategic directions and goals that are supported by achievable actions to provide affordable housing for all residents and end homelessness” said Warden Brian Campbell (Tay Valley Reeve).

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