



Community and Health Services
Housing Services

Memorandum

TO: Members of Committee of the Whole

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RE: **Expression of Interest: Partnership Opportunity for Mixed-Income Rental Housing in York Region**

Background

In 2014, 11,456 households were on the wait list for York Region social housing units, and 312 households were housed. The demand for affordable housing is increasing and this need cannot be met by the Region developing additional housing units alone.

To alleviate the growing need, alternative means for the delivery of rental housing options are necessary. The Region is exploring these options through an Expression of Interest.

Expression of Interest

On March 2, 2015, an Expression of Interest (P-15-27) for Partnership Opportunity for Mixed-Income Rental Housing in York Region was released. The goal of this document is to determine if there is interest among the development community to partner with the Region to deliver new affordable mixed-income rental housing. The document is intended to provide flexibility for developers to approach the Region with creative housing solutions. Examples and potential ideas include but are not limited to:

- Develop building(s) for long term lease to the Region/Housing York Inc.
- Lease a portion of building(s) to Region/ Housing York Inc.
- Sale or lease of condominium units
- Lease to own
- Shared ownership

Identification of Partnership Models and Opportunities

The Expression of Interest was released on March 2, 2015 and closed on March 31, 2015. Twenty-nine companies picked up plans and ten companies attended an Information Session. A total of four submissions were received.

A review team has been established to identify common incentives and models put forth by respondents. Staff will report back to Council as soon as possible on the outcome of the Expression of Interest, whether a formal Request-for-Proposal process should be pursued and what models should be included as part of the process.

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