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REPORT TITLE: **CANADA-ONTARIO SOCIAL HOUSING RENOVATION AND RETROFIT FUNDING ALLOCATION**

FROM: Janet Menard, Commissioner of Human Services

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council authorize capital project 09-5035 be set up for Canada-Ontario Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Program with a three year budget of \$30,172,151;**

**And further, that Council authorize staff to hire 5.0 FTE in contract staff to initially manage the project;**

**And further, that the Commissioner of Human Services report on future progress of the Canada-Ontario Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Program.**

### **REPORT HIGHLIGHTS**

- The federal and provincial governments will invest \$704 million in social housing renovation and retrofit projects.
- Peel submitted funding request of \$50,731,479.
- Peel has been allocated \$30,172,151.
- There is funding holdback of \$70.3 million for energy retrofits and \$34.2 million for administration.
- Further funding allocations on these holdbacks will be announced.
- Staff is requesting that capital project 09-5035 with a budget of \$30,172,151 be set up.
- Staff is requesting 5.0 FTE in contract staffing to manage the project.
- Staff will report back on additional funding allocations and progress of the project.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **1. Background**

As outlined in report to council dated June 3, 2009 titled, "Canada-Ontario Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Program Update", the federal and provincial governments have invested in over \$1.2 billion in social housing. Of this amount, \$704 million will be invested in social housing renovation and retrofit projects. Under this program, Peel submitted a request for funding of \$29,721,404 for the social housing providers (excluding Peel Living) and \$21,010,075 for Peel Living, for a total of \$50,731,479.

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### 2. Funding Allocations

On June 16, 2009, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) announced the Service Manager notional allocation for planning purposes. Peel has been allocated \$13,518,788 for 2009-2010 and \$16,653,363 for 2010-2011 for total two year funding allocation of \$30,172,151. There will be no flexibility to move unspent or uncommitted funding from year 1 to year 2. The Ministry will be monitoring project progress, and should a Service Manager not be able to commit their allocations on schedule, reallocations to Service Manager with the capacity to commit more could occur.

The table below shows the components of the funding amounts.

Components	Allocation (\$ millions)		
	2009-2010	2010-2011	Total
Total Available Allocation	\$352.0	\$352.0	\$704.0
Energy Efficiency Holdback	-\$70.3	NIL	-\$70.3
Administration Portion	-\$13.0	-\$21.2	-\$34.2
<b>Total Available Amount</b>	<b>\$268.7</b>	<b>\$330.8</b>	<b>\$599.5</b>
Peel's Allocation Percentage	5.03%	5.03%	5.03%
<b>Peel's Allocation Amount</b>	<b>\$13.5</b>	<b>\$16.6</b>	<b>\$30.1</b>

Peel's allocation base of 5.03% is based on 2007 Service Manager Annual Information Return (SMAIR). Peel's reported numbers of social housing units comprise 5.03% of the provincial total. Further Provincial funding allocation announcements will be forthcoming on the energy efficiency and administration funding portions.

### 3. Proposed Direction

Per Regional Financial Control By-Law, this project will need Council approval to set up an in year capital project. Staff is recommending that capital project 09-5035, titled "Canada-Ontario Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Program" be set up.

There is an urgency to start this project as there is significant risk of funding clawback if the full allocation is not spent by the imposed deadline. Successful delivery of this program and the execution of the projects depend on the availability of resources to undertake the work. Staff is requesting 5.0 FTE (1 program manager, 1 project specialist, 3 project managers) in contract staffing to initially manage the project. There may be further need for additional staffing.

As indicated, there is unannounced administration funding of \$34.2 million. Peel's administration funding allocation is unknown at this time. Staff will report back on the final contract staffing needs once the municipal administration allocations are announced.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff is recommending that capital project 09-5035, titled "Canada-Ontario Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Program" be set up. The capital project will encompass three fiscal periods with budget allocations as follows:

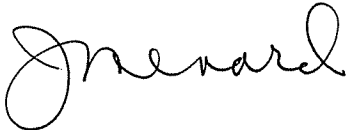
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<b>Year</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>
2009	\$10,139,091
2010	\$15,869,719
2011	\$4,163,341
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,172,151</b>

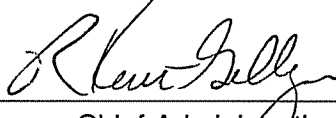
**CONCLUSION**

Collaboration with social housing providers in Peel and team work of cross departmental expertise will ensure that Peel maximizes the economic benefits through this project. Council will be updated on the future progress of this project.



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**Approved for Submission:**

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