

## Affordable Housing Committee

<b>Meeting No.</b>	4	<b>Contact</b>	Merle MacDonald, Committee Administrator
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Monday, May 28, 2012	<b>Phone</b>	416-392-7340
<b>Start Time</b>	9:30 AM	<b>E-mail</b>	ah@toronto.ca
<b>Location</b>	Committee Room 2, City Hall	<b>Chair</b>	Councillor Ana Bailão

<b>AH4.2</b>	ACTION	Adopted	Ward:All
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### Affordable Homeownership Client Survey: Next Steps

#### Committee Decision

The Affordable Housing Committee recommends to the Executive Committee that:

1. City Council request the Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee to forward the "Making Homeownership Happen – Success through Partnerships" survey report to the Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Federal Minister Responsible for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.
2. City Council request City Planning staff responsible for the Official Plan Review to consider the findings of the "Making Homeownership Happen" survey to inform their review and recommendations concerning future affordable home ownership policies.
3. City Council request the Director, Affordable Housing Office, to consider the findings of "Making Homeownership Happen" survey in the future update of "Housing Opportunities Toronto Affordable Housing Action Plan 2010-2020", as required under the Provincial Housing Services Act, 2011.
4. City Council formally thank the organizations involved in the delivery of new affordable ownership housing whose efforts have given Toronto residents the chance to own their own home.

#### Decision Advice and Other Information

Adam Popper, Policy Officer, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, gave a presentation to the Affordable Housing Committee on the Affordable Homeownership Client Survey - Next Steps.

## **Origin**

(May 11, 2012) Report from the Director, Affordable Housing Office

## **Summary**

Government initiatives that enable low- and moderate-income people to become home owners are successful and should continue, according to a client satisfaction survey of Torontonians who received down payment assistance to help buy their home.

The first-of-its-kind survey was conducted by the City's Affordable Housing Office in the fall of 2011. Some 236 new homeowners from 15 Toronto wards completed the 31-question survey both online or by phone – a 40 per cent completion rate. The resulting report, "Making Homeownership Happen – Success through Partnerships", was released March 12, 2012 by Councillor Ana Bailão (Ward 18 Davenport), Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee, and provides valuable information to help the City and its non-profit partners better deliver home ownership assistance. The study and related news release are attached to this report.

Through funding programs and agreements with the federal and provincial governments the City works in partnership with local non-profit groups to support their affordable home ownership developments. Support for new affordable ownership housing is a priority of the "Housing Opportunities Toronto Affordable Housing Action Plan 2010-2020". The results of the survey will inform future updates of the Action Plan, as required under the Provincial Housing Services Act, 2011. The survey results will also inform the City's Official Plan review, currently under way.

The survey was distributed to people who purchased homes developed by the following six non-profit organizations: Habitat for Humanity Toronto, Home Ownership Alternatives Non Profit Corporation, Toronto Artscape, the Miziwe Biik Aboriginal Development Corporation, the Women's Religious Project, and Toronto Community Housing.

## **Background Information**

(May 11, 2012) Report from the Director, Affordable Housing Office on Affordable Homeownership Client Survey: Next Steps and News Release

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/ah/bgrd/backgroundfile-47191.pdf>

(March 12, 2012) Attachment - Making Homeownership Happen - Success Through Partnerships, An Affordable Homeownership Client Survey

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/ah/bgrd/backgroundfile-47279.pdf>

(May 28, 2012) Presentation from Adam Popper, Policy Officer, Parks, Forestry and Recreation on Making Homeownership Happen - Success Through Partnerships

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/ah/bgrd/backgroundfile-47617.pdf>