



District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administrative Board
10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan Update
2022

Strategic Direction	Action	Timeline	Responsibility	Measures Taken
Strategic Direction I: Expand access to affordable housing in the Service Area	Target available funding for new affordable housing stock to one –bedroom units	2022	DSSMSSAB	Purchased 46 Wellington – 4 units with all occupants being moved from the emergency shelter into independent living Purchased 136 Pilgrim- 8 rooms dedicated for semi-supportive living. Services provided on site by CMHA Algoma
Strategic Direction I: Expand access to affordable housing in the Service Area	Evaluate the feasibility of a local fund such as a reserve fund or affordable rental housing and affordable ownership housing.	2022	DSSMSSAB	The purchase and renovation of properties continues with Ontario Works participants involved in the renovation of the homes. Once complete, the homes are sold to eligible families that reside within the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corp at an affordable home ownership rate. One family moved into newly renovated home as part of the Affordable Home Ownership program in 2022
Strategic Direction I: Expand access to affordable housing in the Service Area	Explore opportunities to partner with nonprofit organizations to build affordable ownership housing for low and moderate income families	2022	DSSMSSAB	The DSSMSSAB continues it's partnership with the City of Sault Ste. Marie to purchase tax sale properties when available. The DSSMSSAB clears the land and donates the property to Habitat for Humanity to build.

Strategic Direction I: Expand access to affordable housing in the Service Area	Recommend City of Sault Ste. Marie designate “point person” in the Planning Division to provide guidance and assistance for proponents that incorporate affordable or non-profit housing	2022	DSSMSSAB	Committee formed involving the Director of Planning with the City of Sault Ste. Marie as well as the Director of Development and Asset Management with Housing re: affordable housing in Sault Ste. Marie
Strategic Direction I: Expand access to affordable housing in the Service Area	Dedicate additional funds to provide rent supplements to help single adult households on the wait list access units in the private market as appropriate	2022	DSSMSSAB	Additional Canada-Ontario Housing Benefits (COHBs) made available in November 2022 Portable Housing Benefits continue to be utilized to offer units in the private market
Strategic Direction II: Foster the Development of an Integrated System of Homelessness services	Ensure a multi sectoral process for addressing encampments	2022	DSSMSSAB Service Providers	Coordinated outreach services in the city of Sault Ste. Marie to provide daily outreach to those experiencing homelessness
Strategic Direction II: Foster the Development of an Integrated System of Homelessness Services	Access to homelessness services is streamlined	2022	DSSMSSAB	Quality By-Name-List implemented Coordinated Access Guide developed and sub committee was formed to ensure ongoing feedback for system improvement
Strategic Direction II: Foster the Development of an Integrated System of Homelessness Services	Coordinate training between agencies to maximize available funds for professional development and ensure greater dissemination of best practices among local service providers	2022	DSSMSSAB, Service Providers	Ongoing training continues between agencies to ensure best practice across agencies. (Hifis, Built for Zero, Org Code, etc)
Strategic Direction II: Foster the Development of an Integrated System of Homelessness Services	Identify opportunities to build partnerships between “mainstream” and Aboriginal focused agencies to ensure that homelessness service providers and housing service providers are able to offer culturally appropriate supports to Aboriginal people living in the service area who require assistance	2022	DSSMSSAB, Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services, Indigenous Friendship Centre	Ongoing – Aboriginal Intensive Housing Based Case Manger hired through Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services. OAHs and Indigenous Friendship Centre also have representation on Homelessness Prevention Team as well as the mainstream Community Advisory Board

Strategic Direction V: Build Capacity for Data Use and Planning	Support service providers in gathering program outcome data through training	2022	DSSMSSAB, Service Providers	Housing and Homelessness Coordinator to support service providers in gathering program outcome data through ongoing training and monitoring of monthly data submissions from service providers. Ongoing use of HIFIS and training Power BI dashboard created using By-Name List data
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