



CITY OF
FORT SASKATCHEWAN

**Request for Decision
Regular Council Meeting_Dec08_2020**

Heartland Housing Foundation Request – Lodge Assistance Program

Motions:

1. That Council approve the additional 65 studio units being constructed at the new Clover Bar Lodge to be designated as units eligible for the Lodge Assistance Program.
2. That Council direct the Mayor to send a letter to the Minister of Alberta Seniors and Housing indicating that the City of Fort Saskatchewan supports the designation of the new units and any required changes to Ministerial Order to effect the changes.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the upcoming opening of Clover Bar Lodge additional units, which would be eligible for the Lodge Assistance Program (LAP) Grant.

Background Analysis:

Heartland Housing Foundation (HHF) is requesting the Councils of the City of Fort Saskatchewan and Strathcona County to support its application to the Minister of Alberta Seniors and Housing to approve the additional 65 studio units being constructed at the new Clover Bar Lodge, in Strathcona County, and that they be added to their Ministerial Order. This would allow HHF to be eligible for requisitioning, as well as for the provincial LAP Grant. HHF's Executive Summary on the new Clover Bar Lodge Opening is attached to this report.

At the September 10, 2019 regular Council meeting, Council previously approved similar motions, which supported the conversion of 28 studio units from Silver Birch Haven for eligibility through the Lodge Assistance Program. A motion was also passed to direct the Mayor to send a letter to the Minister of Seniors and Housing indicating that the City of Fort Saskatchewan supports the conversion of the units.

Financial Implications:

N/A

Internal/External Impacts:

N/A

Risk Analysis:

N/A

Plans/Standards/Legislation:

City's Strategic Plan:

Core Value – A Vibrant and Thriving Community; Goal – Support diverse community needs to create a complete community where everyone, regardless of circumstances, is able to experience all the City has to offer.

Develop strategies and advocate for a variety of housing options integrated throughout the community to serve the needs of residents.

Administrative Recommendation:

That Council approve the additional 65 studio units being constructed at the new Clover Bar Lodge, be designated as units eligible for the LAP Grant; and direct the Mayor to send a letter to the Minister of Alberta Seniors and Housing indicating that the City of Fort Saskatchewan supports the designation of the new units.

Attachments:

HHF Executive Summary – New Clover Bar Lodge Opening

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