

SOCIAL HOUSING POLICIES



DIVISION:	Social and Community Services		
POLICY SECTION:	Social Housing	EFFECTIVE DATE:	1/17/2015
SUBJECT:	Housing Provider Plans		
POLICY NUMBER:	2015-NP-07	SUPERCEDES:	None

1. PURPOSE

1.1 This policy is intended for use by all County of Simcoe housing providers that operate a designated housing project under the Housing Services Act.

\checkmark	Municipal & Private Non-Profit		Rent Supplement * *including former OCHAP/CSHP
\checkmark	Co-Operatives		CWL
	Federal Non-Profit	\checkmark	Simcoe County Housing

1.2 This policy's intended purpose is to inform those housing providers within the County of Simcoe, which are subject to the *Housing Services Act, 2011* of the acceptable parameters as it relates to establishing housing provider plans.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

2.1 The County of Simcoe in its capacity as Service Manager has responsibility to ensure adherence to legislative authority under the *Housing Services Act, 2011*, s. 69 (5) and it's O. Reg. 367/11, s. 87 to ensure housing provider plans are established as outlined.

3. REFERENCES

Housing Services Act, 2011, s. 69 (5) O. Reg.367/11, s. 87

Prior Reference:

There are no prior references

4. SCOPE

4.1 A new requirement under the *Housing Services Act, 2011* and its Ontario regulations 367/11 is for housing provider(s) to prepare and follow a housing provider plan as it relates to the governance or operation of the housing provider described in the regulations as follows:

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- a) A plan for training the staff and volunteers involved in the operation of the designated housing project.
- b) If the housing provider has a board of directors, a succession plan for the board.
- c) If the housing provider is a non-profit housing co-operative, a plan for educating the members about the governance of the co-operative.

5. PROCEDURES

- 5.1 Housing Providers are required to establish a housing provider plan as outlined above.
- 5.2 Housing Providers are encouraged to contact their sector organizations for additional resources, such as, but not restricted or limited to:
 - Ontario Non-Profit Housing Corporation
 - Co-Operative Housing Federal of Canada
 - Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services
 - Housing Services Corporation and its affiliates
- 5.3 Housing Providers are required to have their plans in place within 120 days from the date this Policy is released. These plans will be reviewed at your next operational or RGI/Wait list review.

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