



TEN YEAR HOUSING PLAN

City of Cornwall and United Counties
of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry
2014—2024



Fourth Annual Update (2017-2018)

June 2018



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Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy

Every person has an affordable, suitable and adequate home to provide the foundation to secure employment, raise a family and build strong communities.

Executive Summary

In 2010, Ontario launched the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy, Building Foundations: Building Futures. The strategy began a process of transforming Ontario's housing system into one that is people-centred, partnership-based, locally driven, and fiscally responsible.

Our update to the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy is bold and transformative, reflecting current realities, new research and best practices. Our goal is to support social and economic inclusion, end chronic homelessness, and meet the housing needs of all Ontarians. It is guided by an updated vision.

Our Vision for Cornwall SDG

A strong, healthy, sustainable community with a wide range of appropriate, and affordable housing options in which individuals and families can thrive.

City of Cornwall, 2014

Strategies

1. To improve communication about available programs and services to assist residents to find and retain housing.
2. To make best use of existing Social & Affordable Housing stock according to needs identified.
3. To enhance community partnerships, and expand available supports, essential to positive outcomes for individuals and families.
4. To maintain existing housing stock to ensure an ongoing supply of affordable housing.
5. To advocate to senior governments for ongoing predictable funding and legislative changes to respond to current and future local housing needs and consider additional portable subsidies if/when future funding is announced.
6. To review Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative Plan (CHPI) - to make adjustments reflecting priorities identified in public/agency feedback.
7. To support energy efficiency initiatives in both public and private affordable housing to enhance sustainability.
8. To use tools available in both City and County Official Plans to encourage a broad range of affordable housing options.
9. To expand the successful supportive housing partnership for persons with physical disabilities on the first floor at 330 Fourth Street East, Cornwall, to include capital and operational funding for complete modifications and ongoing supports on the second floor (this is a social housing building operated by Cornwall and Area Housing Corporation).
10. To work with the City of Cornwall Senior-Friendly Steering Committee to develop and implement elements of a Senior-Friendly Plan, related to “a wide range of appropriate and affordable housing options” (as outlined in Cornwall SDG Vision for Housing).

Arial Views of Cornwall & United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry



STRATEGY 1: To improve communication about available programs and services to assist residents to find and retain housing.

- Applications for Ontario Renovates opened April 2018 with advertisement placed via the Standard-Freeholder, Seaway News, County Newspapers.
- Community Presentations were held to Various Community Agencies regarding Social Housing Programs.
- Accessible Website—new format pending.
- Dundas County 50 + Wellness Day—representation by Social Housing.
- Cornwall & Area Job Fair

Ontario Renovates 2018
New application round opens Monday, April 16th
Assistance available to low & modest income homeowners in Cornwall and SDG

A new application round will open on Monday, April 16th for Ontario Renovates, a popular home improvement program that assists low and modest income families and seniors in Cornwall and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

Application forms for the program will be available as of Monday, April 16th. Please note there is a dedicated amount of funding so interested homeowners are encouraged to apply early.

Ontario Renovates has two components:

- A **Necessary Home Repair** component where eligible homeowners can receive a maximum forgivable loan of \$18,000, which is earned over a ten year period. Projects which may qualify under this component include upgrades to heating systems, doors, windows, roofs & electrical systems.
- An **Accessibility Modification** component where eligible homeowners can receive a maximum grant of \$5,000. Projects which may qualify under this component include ramps and handrails.

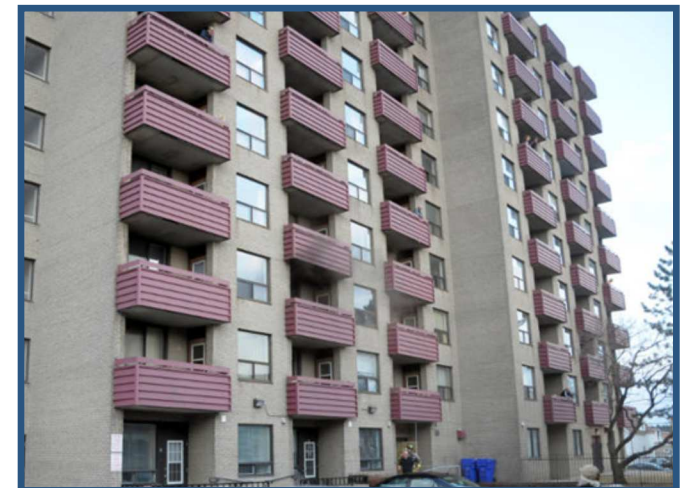
Participating homeowners must be within the income limits per household (\$42,000 to \$62,000 depending on household size) and the house assessment value must be below \$191,735.

For more information on this program, its requirements and an application form, please visit the City of Cornwall website, www.Cornwall.ca. Copies of the application form can also be obtained from the Social Housing Division at the City of Cornwall at 340 Pitt Street or by calling (613) 930-2787 ext. 2344.

STRATEGY 2: To make best use of existing Social & Affordable Housing stock according to needs identified.

- Local Rules are all updated and changes are made as required — will be available online in 2018.
- Actively working on End of Operating strategies.
- Actively working on modernization strategies.
- Funding applications were submitted through GreenOn and SHAIIP to secure funds which benefit the housing stock.



STRATEGY 3: To enhance community partnerships, and expand available supports, essential to positive outcomes for individuals and families.

Representation and/or participation on the following:

- Hoarding Coalition
- Seaway Group Meetings
- Housing Provider Network
- Service Manager Housing Network
- Senior Friendly Community Implementation Committee/Poverty Working Group.
- Housing & Homelessness Data Forum
- Social Housing Provider Board Meetings and/or AGM's
- Housing Provider Advisory Committee (HPAC) - 5 times annually

Memberships:

- Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association
- Ontario Municipal Social Services Association

Partnerships:

- Social Development Council
- SD&G Situation Table
- Children's Aid Society
- Canadian Mental Health Association
- Mental Health Services
- Cornwall & Area Job Fair
- Linking Hands
- Job Zone
- Cornwall Community Police Services
- OPP
- OW/ODSP
- Habitat For Humanity



STRATEGY 4: To maintain existing housing stock to ensure an ongoing supply of affordable housing.

- Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program (SHAIP) funding received and is benefitting four Social Housing buildings.
- The Division continues to approve various Housing Provider requests to utilize Reserve Funds to improve necessary capital projects.
- Initial investigation for End of Operating Agreement social housing stock.
- On April 24th, 2018, the Service Manager was advised that our GreenON business case was partially approved and this will assist 2 Providers (1 County and 1 City).

STRATEGY 5: To advocate to senior governments for ongoing predictable funding and legislative changes to respond to current and future local housing needs and consider additional portable subsidies if/when future funding is announced.

- The Service Manager advocates for changes to the criteria of distribution of any future funds to assist all Housing Providers with improvements to the existing stock.
- Discussions continue with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation regarding Federal Infrastructure funding programs.
- We participated in sessions regarding the National Housing Strategy implementation



STRATEGY 6: To review CHPI Investment Plan -- to make adjustments reflecting priorities identified in public/ agency feedback.

- The Division continues to work with the Low Income Measure which allows for a broader applicant base.
- The Domiciliary program was reviewed during which the program and its standards were updated.
- The annual update of the CHPI policy was undertaken to meet the changing needs from amongst the client requests.
- We strengthened partnerships with the Canadian Mental Health Association and the Canadian Red Cross through the CHPI program.
- We will be conducting homelessness enumeration in 2018



STRATEGY 7: To support energy efficiency initiatives in both public and private affordable housing to enhance sustainability.

- The Ontario Renovates Program criteria was reviewed and expanded to allow for a broader range of necessary repairs.
- The Division has worked with its Local Housing Corporation with the Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program (SHAIP) funding received.
- The Division has worked with its Providers regarding the application process for Green On. This benefited two buildings within the portfolio.
- The Division continues to promote and support the Ontario Electricity Support Program.



STRATEGY 8: Use tools available in both City and County Official Plans to encourage a broad range of affordable housing options.

- The City’s Strategic Plan is used when considering affordable housing options (as an example rent supplement in IAH and SIF).



PILLAR 1 Quality of Life
<p>Safe, Livable Community Continue support for police strategic plan Implement fire master plan Property standards</p> <p>Active Living Continue implementation of bike and pedestrian master plan Enhance public spaces Enhance transit services</p> <p>Arts & Culture Development of multidisciplinary facility/art centre</p> <p>Quality Downtown & Le Village Main Streets Continue to encourage development of Centretown plan</p> <p>Accessible & Affordable Housing Implementation of affordable housing plan</p> <p>Seniors’ Services Development and alignment of programs and activities</p> <p>Poverty Reduction Develop advocacy strategy Support primary service providers</p> <p>Waterfront Master Plan Reaffirm and continue implementation of waterfront master plan Enable recreational usage Future waterfront development</p>

Strategy 9: To expand the successful supportive housing partnership for persons with physical disabilities on the first floor at 330 Fourth Street East, Cornwall, to include capital and operational funding for complete modifications and ongoing supports on the second floor (this is a social housing building operated by Cornwall and Area Housing Corporation).

- The Local Housing Corporation has changed their agreement and is now in partnership with Carefor to provide supportive housing



STRATEGY 10: To work with the City of Cornwall Senior-Friendly Steering Committee to develop and implement elements of a Senior-Friendly Plan, related to "a wide range of appropriate and affordable housing options" (as outlined in Cornwall SDG Vision for Housing).

- The Division is represented on the Senior Friendly Community Implementation Committee



2017 Ontario Renovates Projects

City of Cornwall = 87

Counties = 44

North Dundas = 1

South Dundas = 6

North Stormont = 3

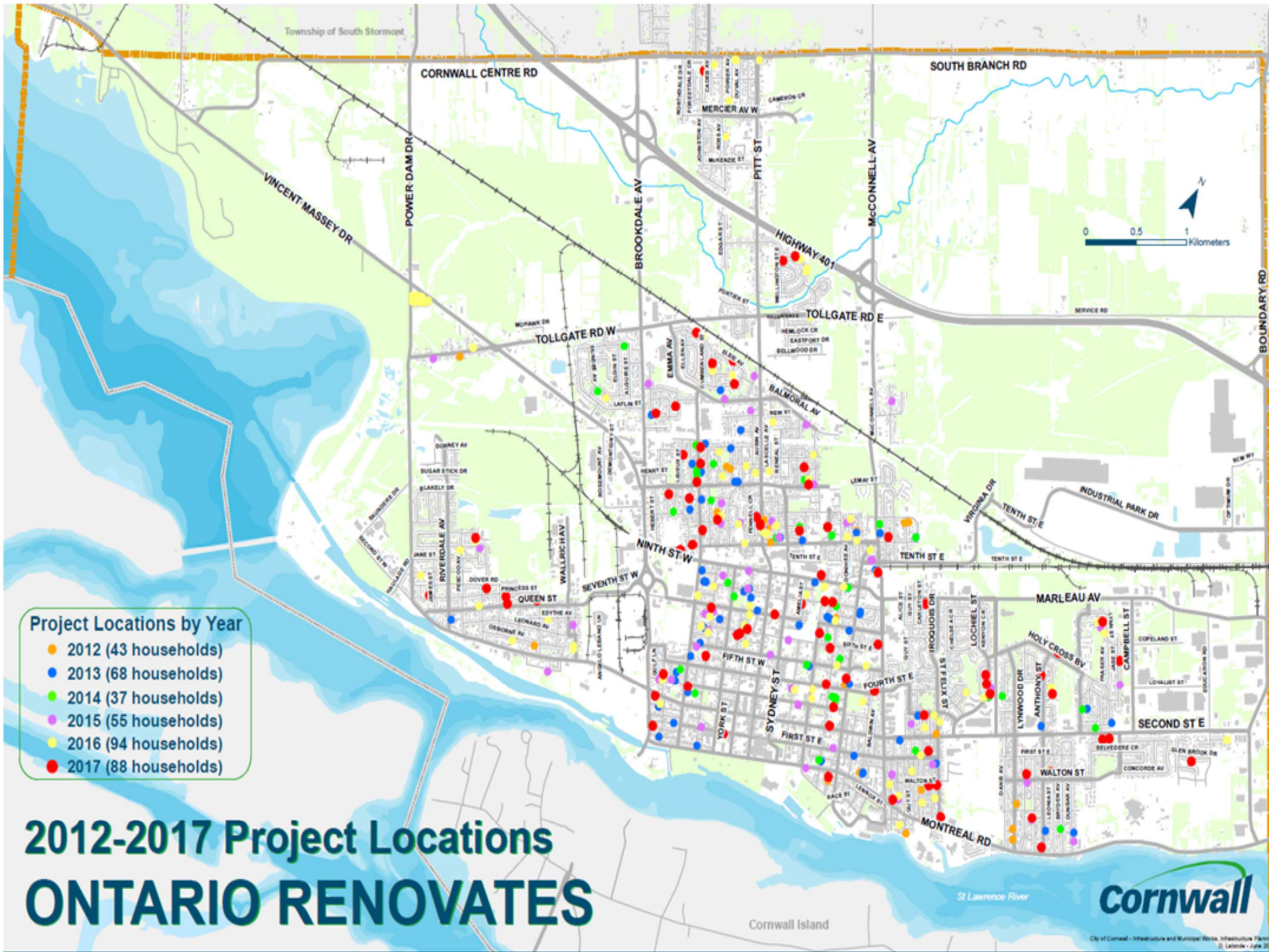
South Stormont = 16

North Glengarry = 13

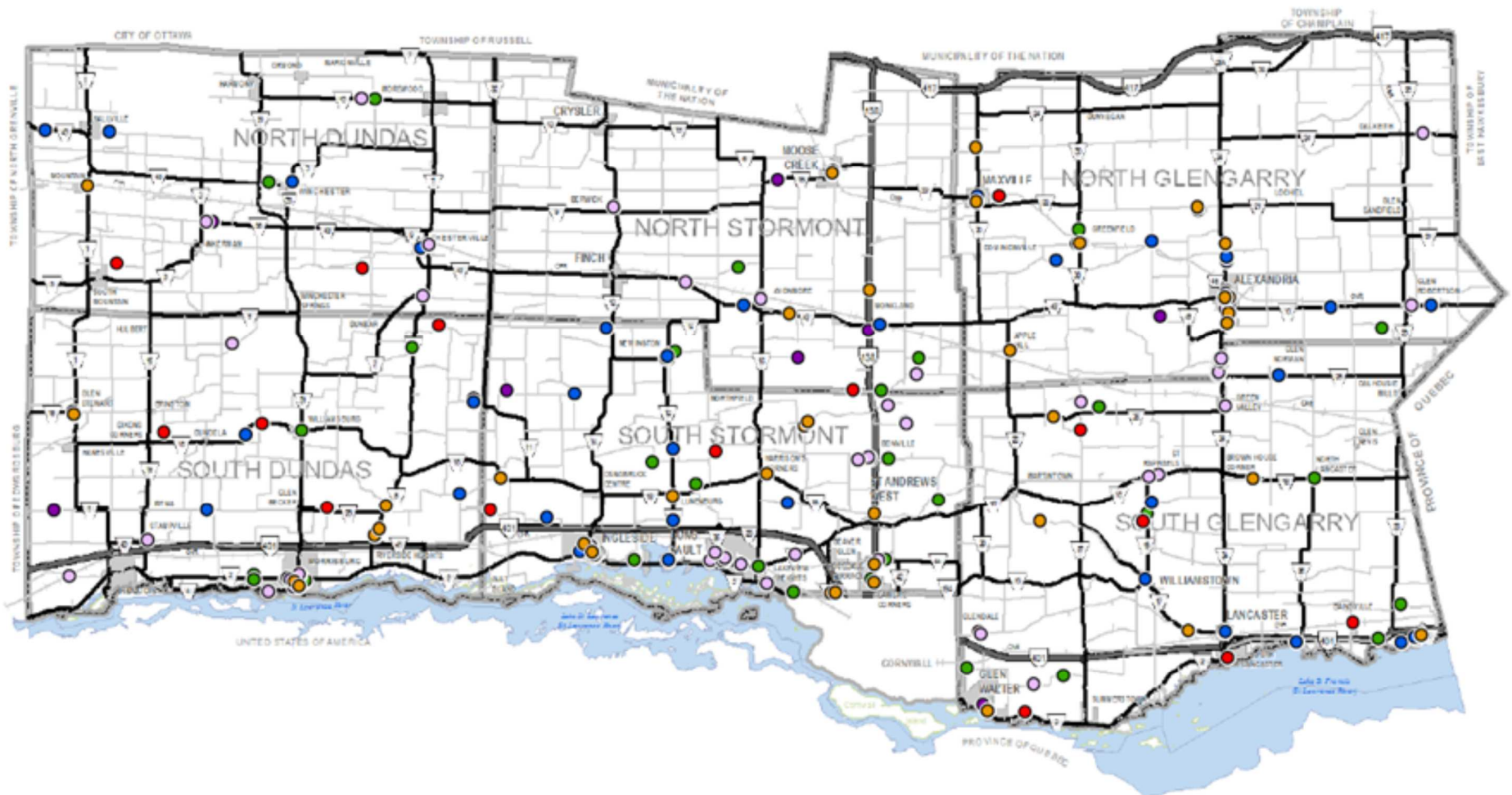
South Glengarry = 5



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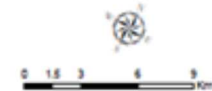


The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry Ontario Renovates



Legend

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|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| ● 2012 (19 households) | ● 2015 (56 households) | 🛣️ Highway | ▭ Main Settlement |
| ● 2013 (50 households) | ● 2016 (55 households) | 🛣️ County Road | ▭ Township Boundary |
| ● 2014 (27 households) | ● 2017 (43 households) | — Municipal Road | ▭ Cornwall Boundary |
| | | 🚂 Railroad | |



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The Plan includes Actions (Section 10.0) to be taken to implement each of the Strategies, and there is an understanding that regular reviews will take place to measure progress with the approved Strategies; along with a more formal update at the 5 year point of the Ten Year Plan.

Conclusion

This update represents the fourth of ten annual reports to Council.
At the five year mark a more detailed update and review of the Plan will be undertaken
as required under the *Housing Services Act, 2011*.

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