

To: Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Deputy Clerk & Accessibility Coordinator

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Subject: Updates on Business Audit Initiative (Keith Moyer Legacy Program) and Secondary Suites Proposal

Business Audit Initiative (Keith Moyer Legacy Program):

Unfortunately, this year there was an unprecedented number of applicants and unfortunately, the application Jeannie submitted for the Ontario Change makers program was not successful. They encouraged Jeannie to continue her work and apply again next year. This is an initiative the committee could continue with even without the grant, or it's an initiative the committee may want to wait on and apply for the grant next year as the committee will be starting to review and update the city's multi-year Accessibility Plan shortly.

Secondary Suites Proposal:

Secondary suites are eligible through the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) program under the Ontario Renovates Multi-Unit rehabilitation subcomponent. The 2024-25 OPHI allocation is committed to the new build in Blind River and future allocations are unknown at this time.

A substantial amount of funding would need to be allocated to a Secondary Suite Program to account for time to development and administer the program. As well as to meet the demand. We would not want to raise interest in the program and not be able to fill the demand.

For example:

The guidelines allow Service Managers to determine the amount of the forgivable loan that can be provided up to 75% of the total costs per unit to a maximum of \$50,000 per unit. Other Service Managers have set the maximum amount of the loan to a range of \$15,000 to \$30,000 in their Secondary Suite Program. Accessible modifications up to \$5,000 is in the form a grant. If ADSAB were to set the maximum amount of \$25,000 per unit. An allocation of \$500,000 would provide for 20 Secondary Suites.

The OPHI guidelines provide for eligibility criteria such as:

1. Own a single family home in the Algoma Service area as a sole and principle resident (cannot own other property)

2. Creation of secondary or garden suite must comply with all municipal/building regulations (property zoned for to allow for secondary suites)
3. Home must be valued at or below the Provinces' Maximum house value (latest property tax assessment or tax bill)
4. Property taxes and mortgage payments up-to-date
5. Insurance coverage for the full replacement value of the home
6. You must be a Canadian Citizen, Landed Immigrant, or have Refugee Claimant Status and have no deportation order under the Immigration Act (Canada) against any member of the household or no departure order or exclusion order under the Immigration Act (Canada) has become effective with respect to any member of the household
7. Not be in the process of applying for bankruptcy or have an active bankruptcy filed
8. Total of all mortgages and any other encumbrances registered on title, plus the Program funding, cannot exceed the market value of the home.
9. Rent charged for secondary suites must be at or below the approved average market rents
10. Income of the tenant must be at or below amount determined by the Service Manager.
11. Annual reporting is required by the homeowner.
12. Forgivable loan period is 15 years.

Respectfully submitted,



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