

HALDIMAND COUNTY

Memorandum CDS-M02-2023 Survey of Municipalities - Housing Target For Consideration by Council in Committee on October 10, 2023



To: Mayor Bentley and Members of Council
From: Mike Evers, MCIP, RPP, BES, General Manager of Community & Development Services

At the September 25th Council meeting the following resolution was passed related to [CDS-06-2023 Municipal Housing Pledge and Target](#) which was presented at the September 19th Council in Committee meeting:

THAT adoption of Recommendation 5 of the September 19, 2023 Council in Committee minutes be deferred to a Special Council meeting on October 10, 2023 with additional information being provided to the October 10, 2023 Council in Committee meeting, after conferring with other municipalities on their position related to the housing target.

Subsequently, Haldimand County staff circulated an informal poll to 18 municipalities that had targets assigned at the same time as Haldimand County to gauge their position on the target. The poll consisted of 4 simple questions which are included in the table below.

Responses were received from 9 of the 18 municipalities contacted and are summarized as follows:

	Yes	No	Unknown or N/A
Has your Head of Council / Council confirmed its commitment to the target (i.e. issued / committed to issue a letter to the Minister by Oct 15 th)?	7	1	1
If your Head of Council / Council <u>has</u> committed to accept the housing target, is it considering adopting a local policy to limit Strong Mayor Powers for your municipality?	1	1	7
If your Head of Council / Council has made a decision to <u>not</u> confirm its commitment, has this decision been the result of the 'tie' to the Strong Mayor Powers?	0	1	8
In connection with the question above, if the Strong Mayor Powers were decoupled from the commitment to the housing target, do you think your Head of Council / Council would reconsider its decision and issue a letter to the Minister?	0	1	8

The only responding municipality that declined the assigned target (New Tecumseth) indicated that the decision was not tied to the Strong Mayor powers, rather an inability to support the growth due to water capacity limits.

REFERENCES:

1. [CDS-06-2023 Municipal Housing Pledge and Target](#)

ATTACHMENTS:

None.