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REPORT TO THE JOINT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF LEEDS & GRENVILLE

June 30, 2006

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **THAT** the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) for the delivery of the Housing Allowance Program (AHP); Rental and Supportive Housing Program and the Home Ownership Program, and;
2. **THAT** the MMAH provide additional administrative funding for this program that adequately reflects the increased workload and administrative responsibilities associated with the delivery of the program over the life of the program, and;
3. **THAT** the Housing Allowance component of the program be expanded to include "*in situ*" tenant arrangements, and
4. **THAT** the above recommendations be subject to:
 - i. Approval by the MMAH of the Counties' Housing Delivery Plan, as prepared and submitted;
 - ii. A satisfactory review by staff and the County Solicitor of the Administrative Agreement, and;
5. **THAT** the United Counties reserve the right to withdraw participation from any of the three Affordable Housing Programs contingent upon unsatisfactory take-up of unit allocations, financing, administration, indemnification and liability, and;
6. **THAT** the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville establish and Affordable Housing Implementation Team comprised of representatives from the United Counties Community and Social Services Division, the Community Housing Department, the Finance Department and local area planners.

BACKGROUND

To participate in the Affordable Housing Program (AHP), CMSMs must submit a Housing

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Delivery Plan outlining how they will administer the various components of the program in the community. The HDP must be submitted on June 30, 2006. The attached HDP considers the needs for affordable housing in Leeds and Grenville while, at the same time, recognizes the importance of mitigating any potential financial risk and liability to the Counties. By submitting the HDP, Joint Services is not committed to participate unless all conditions outlined have been approved by the MMAH.



Dorothy E. Theobald, Director
Community and Social Services



Date

Stephen J. Fournier, Director
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Date