

**Municipality Of Chatham-Kent**  
**Community Human Services**  
**Housing Services**

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**From:** Ray Harper, Director of Housing Services  
**Date:** October 15, 2020  
**Subject:** Installation of Video Surveillance System for Municipality of Chatham-Kent's Public Housing Apartment Complex

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that:

1. Funding for the purchase and installation of a video security surveillance system at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent's public housing apartment complex for a total one-time cost of approximately \$38,887 (including HST) to be funded from the Housing Services Operations Reserve.

**Background**

**Current use of Security Surveillance in Public Housing**

Video security surveillance systems are a resource used by Chatham-Kent Housing Services (CKHS) at selected sites within the management jurisdiction of CKHS for the purpose of increasing the safety and security of tenants, staff, and members of the public. These systems protect corporate assets and property as well as helping to detect and deter criminal activity and vandalism. CKHS has installed surveillance cameras at three other complexes in Chatham-Kent, two of which ceased to have any further concerns following their installations.

**Compliance with the Privacy Protection provisions of Ontario**

The video captured by surveillance cameras is deemed to constitute personal information. The Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) permits the collection of personal information so long as the conditions in section 28(2) and Regulation 823 are met.

CKHS has developed and implemented policy and procedures to ensure compliance with Section 3 of Regulation 823 of Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA). Reasonable measures are in place to safeguard video surveillance footage in the custody and control of the Division.

### Determination of need

The Municipally owned apartment complex located at 99 McNaughton Avenue West in Chatham has experienced a substantive increase in police calls over the past year. 99 McNaughton Avenue currently provides residency to 120 tenants. A video surveillance security threat assessment was completed October 13, 2020 that justifies and supports the need for surveillance at this location. Other methods have been attempted by CKHS to mitigate the concerns experienced at the address, but given the ongoing issues and the success experienced at other CKHS locations with the installation of surveillance cameras, it is considered necessary for the safety of property and person at the location and for CKHS to comply with its obligations as a landlord. As well, where urgent evictions are warranted because of unlawful behavior, video evidence is considered compelling in any legal proceedings that will result in more timely results that create safer buildings for tenants.

### **Areas of Strategic Focus and Critical Success Factors**

The recommendation in this report supports the following areas of strategic focus:

Economic Prosperity:

Chatham-Kent is an innovative and thriving community with a diversified economy

A Healthy and Safe Community:

Chatham-Kent is a healthy and safe community with sustainable population growth

People and Culture:

Chatham-Kent is recognized as a culturally vibrant, dynamic, and creative community

Environmental Sustainability:

Chatham-Kent is a community that is environmentally sustainable and promotes stewardship of our natural resources

The recommendation in this report supports the following critical success factors:

Financial Sustainability:

The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is financially sustainable

Open, Transparent and Effective Governance:

The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is open, transparent and effectively governed with efficient and bold, visionary leadership

Has the potential to support all areas of strategic focus & critical success factors

Neutral issues (does not support negatively or positively)

### **Consultation**

Financial Services was consulted and confirmed the Housing Services Operations Reserve current balance is \$4,292,219 (subject to the 2020 finalized financial statement).

Legal Services and Chatham Kent Police Services Community Mobilization Section were consulted in the legal use of surveillance.

The Manager of Housing Assets South, and the Manager of Tenant Relations have reviewed the contents of this report and support the recommendations of this report.

### **Financial Implications**

The cost of purchase and installation of surveillance equipment is outlined in Table 1 below.

**Table 1**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Purchase and installation of surveillance system (including HST)	\$38,887
Less: HST rebate (11.24%)	\$3,929
<b>Total cost to be funded from Housing Operations Reserve</b>	<b>\$34,958</b>

The following chart summarizes the Housing Services Operations Reserve impact (as of October 15, 2020):

Housing Services Operations Reserve Estimated Balance	\$4,292,219
Less: Cost of surveillance system	\$34,958
<b>Estimated Adjusted Reserve Balance</b>	<b>\$4,257,261</b>

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