

June 8, 2017



City Council
City of St. Albert
5 St. Anne Street
St. Albert, AB T8N 3Z9

Attention: St. Albert City Council

Re: St. Albert Rental Assistance Program

The St. Albert Rental Assistance Program (RAP) has been in operations since 2008 and provides a monthly direct-to-tenant rent supplement to eligible St. Albert households. The supplement makes up the difference between paying 30% of their income towards rent and their housing costs. Applicants can obtain a subsidy up to the maximum limit of \$400/month, plus a child supplement of \$50/child up to \$150. As of the end of May 2017, 342 individuals and families have been helped through RAP since the inception of the program.

St. Albert's RAP is currently funded through the City's finite provincial affordable housing funding that was allocated from 2007-2011 totalling \$1,265,206. This fund has continued to provide support from 2011 to today; however, it is anticipated that this funding will run out by the end of 2017. The program continues to serve a need and is a support SAM advocates it should be continued.

Seniors on fixed income and single parent families represent the majority of those who are receiving RAP support. At the end of May 2017 there were 14 households receiving rental assistance.

This program aligns well with the Social Responsibility Value of the Social Master Plan and SAM strongly believes it should be continued. SAM supports the remaining affordable housing dollars be reallocated to the Rental Assistance Program.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darcey Huot". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Darcey Huot
Chair, SAM Committee/CIC Committee

cc: Scott Rodda, Director Community & Social Development, SAM Committee
Barry Wowk, Superintendent St. Albert Public Schools, SAM Committee
Adrienne Lubberding, Alberta Health Services, SAM Committee
David Wulkan, St. Albert Ministerial Group, SAM Committee
Jeff Jacobson, Staff Sergeant St. Albert RCMP, SAM Committee
Reagan Hyde, Alberta Child & Family Services, SAM Committee
Rhonda Nixon, Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools, SAM Committee