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Press Release

AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT & STRATEGY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sylvan Lake, August 28, 2007:

The Town of Sylvan Lake Council provided approval for the Social Housing Advisory Committee to engage the consulting services of Housing Strategies Inc. in the creation of a specific to Sylvan Lake needs assessment outlining a detailed vision and future plan. This project will commence immediately and be completed in October 2007.

The Social Housing Advisory Committee is conducting the needs assessment to identify the range of current and projected affordable housing needs facing the municipality. The information gathered from the needs assessment will be used in an application to the Provincial Government to access grant funding from the Municipal Sustainable Housing Program.

The Federal Government has named Sylvan Lake one of Canada's Fastest Growing Rural Communities as well as one of Canada's Youngest Communities. "This needs assessment will help us identify challenges and potential solutions to our affordable housing issues brought on by rapid growth and a high concentration of young families" says Tiffany Cameron, Communications/Economic Development Officer for the Town of Sylvan Lake. A recent community needs survey identified affordable housing as one of the greatest challenges families face living in Sylvan Lake.

Citizens are invited to participate in public input sessions and focus groups. Dates and locations for these sessions will be posted on the Town of Sylvan Lake's website, www.sylvanlake.ca. Information is available by contacting Marlene Curtis, Director of Community Social Development, at 887-1137.