



City of Hamilton

EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 20-009
Date: November 5, 2020
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Tamara Bates, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 4102

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- *6.3. Brian H. Sibley, Hamilton East Kiwanis Non-Profit Homes Inc., respecting Hamilton East Kiwanis Non-Profit Homes Inc. Subsidy Transfer (for today's meeting)
- *6.4. Robert Scott Innes, respecting an update committee on progress on affordable low-cost housing program (for a future meeting)

7. CONSENT ITEMS

- *7.3. Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee Minutes
 - *7.3.a. February 4, 2020
 - *7.3.b. March 3, 2020

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 - 2:07 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Brian H. Sibley

Name of Organization: Hamilton East Kiwanis Non-Profit Homes Inc. (Kiwanis Homes)

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Mailing Address:

Hamilton East Kiwanis Non-Profit Homes Inc.
281 Queenston Road
Hamilton ON L8K 1G9

Reason(s) for delegation request:

Response to report number HSC20032
Kiwanis Homes Inc. is the third largest social housing provider in Hamilton, operating approximately 1000 units.

The Board of Directors of Kiwanis Homes Inc. has established an organizational goal to create 1,000 additional affordable housing units in the region by 2028. To finance this goal, Kiwanis Homes intends to liquidate some of its existing stock of scattered homes to raise funds for new development.

In partnership with the Housing Services Department, Kiwanis Homes has requested that existing subsidies relating to the homes to be leveraged be utilized to assist in the creation of the

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new and replacement affordable units and to ensure that, at a minimum the same or preferably more deeply affordable unit rents can be maintained sustainably in the future.

Kiwanis Homes Inc. wishes to provide a delegation in support of the Housing Services recommendations in Report HSC20032 and to provide any further information which the committee members may require.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Monday, November 2, 2020 - 1:28 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Robert Scott Innes

Name of Organization: na

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Update committee on progress on affordable low-cost housing program and suggest a method of creating suitable lots.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No



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Minutes**

**6pm
Tuesday February 4, 2020**

71 Main Street West, Hamilton

James O'Brien, Senior Project Manager Housing & Homelessness
905-546-2424 x 3728

Present: Tom Mobley, Alexandra Djagba Oli, Tony Manganiello, Violetta Nikolskaya, Rhonda Mayer, Mary-Ellen Crechiola, Michael Slusarenko, Leisha Dawson. Michael Power, Morgan Stanek, Cllr Collins, Julia Verbitsky, Eileen Campbell, Lance Dingman

Absent with Regrets: Sandy Leyland, Cllr Nann, Cllr Wilson, Shaun Jamieson,

Absent:

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes the agenda

(Mayer/Dingman)

CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1. January 6, 2020

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Approved as amended
(Djagba Oli / Manganiello)

CARRIED

4. Presentations

4.1. Beg Bug Assistance Program

The Bed Bug program is ending, it was originally funded for a 3 year project with a focus on several priority areas that were shaped by several community-wide processes through consultation and evaluation. The program was extended by about a year (within the same initial funding) with the focus in the last year remaining on direct assistance for vulnerable residents and training of landlords / front-line building staff on best practices for property managers about bed bugs.

The priority areas of the initial strategy included:

- Direct Assistance for vulnerable residents;
- Workplace training and policy;
- Public education and prevention;
- Integrated Pest Management;
- Advocacy

The City and partners have made great strides in all of these areas, and believe the dialogue has changed among housing providers from blaming residents and being often unwilling to provide pest control assistance for bed bugs, to recognizing their obligations and having access to effective treatment methods that we've demonstrated to be effective.

(Slusarenko / Dingman)

Presentation accepted

CARRIED

5. Discussion Items

5.1. VanCity Community Investment Bank

- Is a values-driven bank on a mission to finance a sustainable tomorrow.
- They were born from the community-first finance model sharpened over seventy years by Vancity, a financial co-operative with over half a million members.
- VanCity brings a deep knowledge of social purpose real estate and experience working with “socially focused” organizations
- VanCity is a subject matter expertise in clean energy

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- And they are the only Canadian bank exclusively focused on partnerships with organizations that drive social, economic and environmental change.
- VanCity's focus is on:
 - Affordable housing
 - Co-operative housing
 - Co-working spaces
 - Heritage buildings
 - Green eco-efficiency buildings
 - Buildings for social enterprise and not-for-profit organizations
- VanCity has an example of a project currently supporting:
 - \$11,500,000 commercial mortgage financing provided by VCIB secured by a 6 home (each with 7 bedrooms) condo-like transitional rehabilitation complex (total of 42-bedroom) located at 8 Columbus Gate, Stoney Creek, Ontario
 - Property is a newly built transitional rehabilitation complex where individuals with acquired brain injuries (ABI) and stroke will live for a period of time, while they redesign their lives with long-term goals of transitioning to into less dependence, making their lives better and effectively saving a lifetime of care costs.

(Dawson/ Slusarenko)

Presentation accepted

CARRIED

6. Motions

Motion to strike a Working Group to host an event to show the move PUSH -

Working Group Members: Lisha / Tom / Rhonda / Michael

(Slusarenko / Dingman)

CARRIED

7. Notice of Motions

8. New Business General Information / Business

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- Lisha sent out a link to video - PUSH
 - The Committee wants to create a working group to show the movie, possibly at a City venue
 - Event could include panel discussion potential. Need to find a viewing location and if there is a license requirement.
- Staff presentation on secondary suites at the March meeting
 - Waiting to hear back from Province on revised Action Plan
 - Two trends from landlords and information from the Community:
 - Seniors housing - growing concerns - landlords can't support seniors (medical) and seniors are living in units too big but can't afford to move
 - City is experiencing non-movement due to high rents and supply constraints -

9. ADJOURNMENT

That, there being no further business, the Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee adjourn at 7:50
(Mayer/Dingman)

CARRIED

Next meeting, March 2, 2020
City Hall – Room 264 – 2nd Floor

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Verbitsky
Chair, Housing and
Homelessness Advisory
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James O'Brien
Senior Project Manager
Housing Services Division



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Absent:

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

- 1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**
No changes the agenda

(Mobley / Leyland)

CARRIED

- 2. Declarations of Interest**
None

- 3. Approval of Minutes**

3.1. February 4, 2020 deferred to May meeting.

4. Presentations

HIPC - City of Hamilton Immigration Partnership Team Presentation & Annual Report

HIPC gave an overview of the focus of their annual report. Areas of focus were:

- the state of affordable housing for newcomers across Canada;
- barriers to affordable housing for newcomers;
- barriers housing service providers and/or agencies face trying to assist newcomers with affordable housing;
- practices for affordable housing for newcomers; and
- newcomer mental health.

Highlighted issues included:

- Rising rent and housing prices have increased the demand for affordable housing across Canada,
- As a result, most affordable housing programs are broad in focus, with few specifically targeting newcomers. Additionally, most newcomer-related programs only target refugee families.
- Lack of affordable housing has real life consequences, as evidenced by this quote from a report on the housing circumstances of refugees in Winnipeg, where newcomers stated, “Unaffordable housing was a drain on family resources, which limited their expenditures on other basic necessities like education, health care, clothing, and food”

HIPC identified 5 barriers newcomers face in their environmental scan:

- Rent is too expensive
- Size of Housing
- Quality of Housing
- Lack of support for housing services
- Newcomer trauma

Four barriers service providers face to provide service:

- Supply of adequate housing
- Fragmentation of agency services and Housing information
- Language & cultural barriers
- Housing landlords

Presentation accepted

(Leyland/ Nikolskaya)

CARRIED

Staff Presentations

Hamilton Services Division Secondary Unit Strategy

- The City of Hamilton has limited resources to invest in creating affordable housing supply.
- Housing Services plans to invest in creating and maintaining second units which are a viable and more cost-effective alternative to help meet growing demand for more affordable housing in the community.
- These investments will create housing supply at a reduced cost per unit
- The project fits within the Province's regulatory framework (PPS, Housing Supply Action Plan) and is aligned to receive funding under the OPHI funding envelope
- Directly aligns and help achieve City meet targets within Hamilton's Housing & Homelessness Action Plans Areas 1 & 2
- Within 3 years, the City can make meaningful investments in second units which will have a demonstrable and immediate impact on

The second units strategy meets the goals in the Action Plan:

- OUTCOME 1—There is more affordable rental and ownership housing in Hamilton to meet the need and demand
 - SMART Target: Increase the number of new and legalized existing secondary units by 25% per year.
 - Outcome 1 –Strategy 4: Develop a strategy and implementation plan to increase the supply of secondary rental units.
- OUTCOME 2—People have more housing affordability and choice
 - SMART Target (outcome 2)—Increase the number of new affordable rental units built outside of the downtown by 25% annually
 - Outcome 2 –Strategy 2:** Increase the diversity of housing forms, types, tenures, and affordability in all urban areas of the City

The focus on the strategy will be based on three pillars:

- 1.Maintain the supply & improve the quality of existing affordable second units
#KeepEmHoused
- 2.Increase the quantity of affordable units #GetEmHoused

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3. Educate and increase the knowledge of key stakeholders about the important role second units and the secondary rental market plays as part of Hamilton's long term approach to making housing more affordable

(Leyland / Mobley)

Presentation accepted

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4. Discussion Items.

5. Motions

6. Notice of Motions

7. New Business General Information / Business

- Canadian Alliance and Homelessness - consultation - Lance to share the email
- Hugh Seagull - speaking in Hamilton - Ambassador of Poverty - Main & Bay Centre
- point in time count looking for volunteers
- Friendship Centre - Sandy to provide additional information
- Working Group met to discuss the options to showcase Push - discussion about locations and how to advertise for attendance - budget

8. ADJOURNMENT

That, there being no further business, the Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee adjourn at 8:00

(Mobley / Nikolskaya)

CARRIED

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Respectfully submitted,
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