



City of Hamilton

EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 21-002
Date: March 25, 2021
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall

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

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- *6.1. Audrey Davis and Justin Marchand, Hamilton Regional Indian Centre/Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services, respecting acquisition of former King George Elementary School to develop a housing and Friendship Centre hub (for today's meeting)

7. CONSENT ITEMS

7.3. Various Advisory Committee Minutes

*7.3.b. Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee

*7.3.b.a. September 1, 2020

*7.3.b.b. October 6, 2020

*7.3.b.c. November 3, 2020

*7.3.c. Seniors Advisory Committee

- *7.3.c.a. March 6, 2020
- *7.3.c.b. November 6, 2020
- *7.3.c.c. December 4, 2020
- *7.3.c.d. January 8, 2021 - No Quorum Report
- *7.3.c.e. February 5, 2021

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- *10.3. Provincial Fire Safety Grant (HSC21013) (City Wide)
- *10.4. Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women, Non-Binary, and Transgender
Community Sub-Committee Report 21-002

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

- *12.1. Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) Service Manager Service Agreement

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 - 11:09 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Audrey Davis and Justin Marchand

Name of Organization: Hamilton Regional Indian Centre/
Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services

Contact Number:

Email Address: adavis@hric.ca

Mailing Address:

34 Ottawa Street North
Hamilton ON L8H 3Y7

Reason(s) for delegation request: Seeking acquisition of former King George Elementary School (Ward#3) to develop a housing and Friendship Centre hub on this site.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? Yes

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes



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Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee Minutes

6pm
Tuesday Sept 1 2020

Virtual Webex
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, Leisha Dawson. Michael Power, Morgan Stanek, , Julia Verbitsky, Eileen Campbell, Lance Dingman, Sandy Leyland, Shawn Jamieson

Absent with Regrets: Sandy Leyland, Cllr Nann, Cllr Wilson, Clr Collins, Shaun Jamieson, Mary-Ellen Crechiola, Michael Slusarenko

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 next meeting

4. Presentations

Housing Services Covid 19 response:

- Testing and isolation space
 - Shelter Health Network provided rapid testing
 - Shelters & Drop-in Centres provided isolation spaces pending results
 - Bennetto Recreation Centre set up as Isolation Centre
 - 3 Townhomes loaned by CHH
 - Staffed by re-deployed City employees
 - Transportation provided by DARTS
- Providing appropriate space
 - Reduced capacity of men's shelters
 - First Ontario Centre as a men's shelter (Good Shepherd)
 - Hotel rooms for families, couples & singles
 - Staffed Good Shepherd, Mission Services, redeployed City staff and other agencies
 - Stayed housing focused -200 people with Canada Ontario Housing Benefit
- Serving those who are unsheltered
 - Extended hours at drop-ins (Carol-Ann's Place, Willow's Place, Living Rock and Wesley)
 - Additional outreach staff
 - Encouraging development of additional drop-ins (Christ's Church Cathedral, New Vision, St. Patrick's Church)
 - Connections to Intensive Case Management Supports and housing
- Supporting agencies
 - Regular coordination calls
 - Call for Applications (provincial funding)
 - Coordinating PPE
 - Cleaning funding to Social Housing providers

Presentation accepted**(Leyland/ Nikolskaya)****CARRIED****Housing and Homelessness Action Plan:**

Presentation on the revised Action Plan that was endorsed by City Council.

Outcome 1:

- Increase the number of new and legalized existing secondary rental units by 25% per year
- Maintain the number of new affordable rental units created per \$100,000 municipal contribution
- Increase the number of new affordable ownership units by 5% annually

Outcome 2:

- 100% of households (25% annually) on the Access to Housing waitlist are assessed to determine the opportunities for meeting their housing needs through alternative housing options by 2023
- Increase the overall number of rent supplements and housing allowances by 400 by 2023
- Increase the number of new affordable rental units built outside of the downtown by 25% annually
- Maintain the ratio of rental units suitable for larger households to all rental units until 2023

Outcome 3:

- End chronic homelessness by 2025
- Reduce homelessness by 5% overall annually
- Reduce new inflow into homelessness by 10% annually
- Less than 15% of individuals or households return to homelessness each year

Outcome 4

- Ensure all outstanding critical repairs in Hamilton's community housing stock are complete by 2023
- Reduce the greenhouse gas emissions of existing community housing portfolios by 850,000 kgs annually by 2023
- Preserve or rehabilitate 5,000 residential units by 2023
- All medium and large government funded and private landlords adhere to a current integrated pest management strategy by 2023

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- Reduce paramedic/fire/police calls to community housing projects by 10% annually

Outcome 5

- Housing Services Division staff receive education on the history of Indigenous peoples in Canada by the end of 2020, prior to the City deadline, and all new staff receive the education within 100 days of the start of work
- 100% of community housing provider staff receive education on the history of Indigenous peoples in Canada by 2023, and all new staff receive the education within 100 days of the start of work
- 100% of Housing Services Division staff are trained within 6 months of the adoption of a City of Hamilton Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Framework, and all new staff receive the training within 100 days of the start of work
- Completion of an equity, diversity, and inclusion audit of all Housing Services Division processes and programs by 2023
- 250 private landlords attend education sessions on tenant and landlord rights, responsibilities, and best practices

(Leyland / Mobley) Presentation accepted

CARRIED

5. Discussion Items.

6. Motions

7. Notice of Motions

8. New Business General Information / Business

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

(Mobley / Nikolskaya)

CARRIED

Next meeting, Oct 6th, 2020
Webex

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Respectfully submitted,
Julia Verbitsky
Chair, Housing and Homeless-
ness Advisory Committee

James O'Brien
Senior Project Manager
Housing Services Division



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Campbell, Brian Kreps, Shawn Jamieson, Violetta Nikolskaya,
Lance Dignman, Shaun Jamieson

Absent with Regrets: Sandy Leyland, Cllr Nann, Cllr Wilson, Michael Slusarenko, Tom
Mobley, Cllr Collins, Morgan Stanek, Tony Manganiello

Absent:

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes the agenda

(Mayer/ Crechiola)

CARRIED

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**2. Declarations of Interest
None**

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1.1. February 4, 2020, March 2020		
(Djagba Oli /Campbell)	February	CARRIED
(Mayer/ Crechiola)	March	CARRIED

4. Presentations

Encampments and Homelessness - Edward John

The City of Hamilton is working with community partners to engage those in encampments to help them find alternative accommodations.

This work is dependent on individual circumstances and the available options. Outreach workers are engaging those in encampment to educate them about their options to find legal housing. In addition to supporting the individuals there is ongoing engagement regarding the neighbourhood health and safety.

We continue to do individual outreach to help individuals sleeping rough so they are aware of what their options are to find housing.

(Mayer/ Crechiola). Oral Presentation accepted **CARRIED**

Bill 184 - Modernizing Community Housing - Brian Kreps

Changes highlighted in Bill 184.

- Allow providers to voluntarily enter agreements with Service Manager
- Provide framework for agreement, some common expectations (waitlist, oversight, affordability, etc).
- Create clearer rules for exit from agreements
- Negotiated agreement with Service Manager
- Provide framework for agreement, some common expectations
- Service Level Standards will be broadened
- Regulations to broaden the types of housing assistance included in coordinated access
- Require service managers to create asset and income limits

(Campbell/ Crechiola) Presentation accepted **CARRIED**

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5. Discussion Items

6. Motions

7. Notice of Motions

8. New Business General Information / Business

Budget will be brought forward at the November meeting

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

(Power/Dawson)

CARRIED

Next meeting, November 3, 2020

Webex

City Hall – Room 264 – 2nd Floor

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Verbitsky
Chair, Housing and Homeless-
ness Advisory Committee

James O'Brien
Senior Project Manager
Housing Services Division



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Campbell, Brian Kreps, Shawn Jamieson, Violetta Nikolskaya,
Lance Dingman, Tom Mobley, Michael Slusarenko, Kirstin
Maxwell, Morgan Stanek

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

Absent:

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

1. Ceremonial Activities

CARRIED

2. Approval of Agenda

**No changes to the agenda
(Mayer / Campbell)**

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Interest

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1. September Minutes (Dawson/Dingman)

4.2. October Minutes (Mayer / Campbell)

CARRIED

CARRIED

5. Communications

6. Delegation Requests

7. Consent Items

8. Public Hearings / Delegations

9. Staff Presentations

**9.1 Encampment
(Campbell / Power)**

CARRIED

- The purpose of this update was to inform the committee that the injunction had been lifted, that everyone had been offered alternative accommodation, and street outreach continues to engage with individuals offering one-to-one support for those sleeping rough to let them know about the assistance available to them.
- The committee heard a brief update on the City's process for responding to encampments.
- That for a variety of factors the numbers fluctuate and for now and that Mental Health Street Outreach is addressing individuals need and ensuring housing plans are being completed for each person in agreement.

**9.2 Social Housing Waitlist Update - Daniel Blake
(Dawson / Slusarenko) Presentation accepted**

CARRIED

ATH applications:

- Too early to tell if there has been an increase in ATH applications due to Covid-19
- Will report back in early 2021 once we compile the annual stats for waitlist
- ATH Staff- currently all working fulltime either from home or the office
 - processing SPP/URG applications same day

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- still no counter service BUT we can be reached by phone or email and all forms are available on our website
- answering phone calls in real-time for the most part and if not, messages returned within 24h
- emails returned within 24h
- Housing Support Workers available by phone or email for exceptional circumstances or urgent matters

Housing Offers:

- Housing Providers have been making offers throughout the pandemic
- There was a very short time in early April that we allowed them to hold off on making offers in order to focus on increasing health and safety protocols, do deep cleaning and plan for the safest way to move forward on offers.
- It's also important to note that Housing Services, in conjunction with our community partners in the homeless-serving sector, housed over 200 households from Apr-Jul using the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit. These households are considered "housed" and are cancelled from the waitlist.

Other factors to consider regarding reduced housing offers from Apr-Sept:

- Evictions were halted = fewer available units
- Increased unit turnover time due to enhanced cleaning and availability of contactors

10. Discussion Items

10.1. 2021 meeting and agendas

Date: Jan-Mar (skip April) May-July (skip August) Sept - November

Presentation request for 2021:

Rental market scan - CMCH /Real Estate

Additions - how does that effect housing / Support

Jamesville - Indwell project

Housing First - Service Providers

11. Motions

11.1 2021 budget request for committee

(Mayer/Mobley)

CARRIED

Motion - Refer the request for \$1,000 budget to the City's budget request

12. Notices of Motion

13. General Information / Other Business

Reminder - no meeting in December

14. Private and Confidential

15. ADJOURNMENT

That, there being no further business, the Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee adjourn at 7:05
(Nikolskaya /Power)

CARRIED

Next meeting, January 4th, 2021
Webex

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Verbitsky
Chair, Housing and Homeless-
ness Advisory Committee

James O'Brien
Senior Project Manager
Housing Services Division

7.3(c)(a)Hamilton

**Meeting Minutes
Seniors Advisory Committee
Friday, March 6, 2020
10:00am – 12:00pm
Rooms 192/193, City Hall, 71 Main Street West**

In Attendance:

Penelope Petrie (Chair), Marjorie Wahlman, Doug Stone, Jim McColl, David Broom, Jeanne Mayo, Ann Elliott, Vince Mercuri, Noor Nizam, Barry Spinner, Marian Toth, Sheryl Boblin,

Absent with Regrets: Maureen McKeating

Absent: Aref Alshaikhahmed, Carolanne Fernande, Kamal Jain, Dahlia Petgrave, Sarah Shallwani,

ADD COUNCILLORS LINE: whether in attendance or not

Also, in Attendance:

Paul Di Clemente, Diversity and Inclusion, Human Resources
Shelley Hill and Nicole Jones, Urban Indigenous Strategy

Welcome and Introductions**1. Changes to the Agenda**

J. Mayo – Requested to have resolutions clearly recorded regarding the Transit Rating Committee.

J. McColl – Requested that a Land Acknowledgement be added to the beginning of every agenda.

(M. Wahlman / J. Mayo)

That the agenda for March 6, 2020 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 February 7, 2020, Meeting Minutes

Amendments:

- J. Mayo made minor amendments to item 4.1(a) – Getting Around Hamilton Working Group.

(M. Wahlman /A. Elliott)

That the minutes of February 7, 2020 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

Land Acknowledgment

- J. McColl

3. Presentations

3.1 Shelly Hill and Nicole Jones, Urban Indigenous Strategy

- N. Jones – program manager
- S. Hill – Sr. Project Manager

Some Key Objectives of the Strategy

- Identify actions within municipal jurisdiction and capacity arising from the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of Canada’s Final Report.
 - Celebrate and honour Indigenous people, cultures and traditions.
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- Promote a greater understanding among all Hamiltonians through public education on the histories and contributions of Indigenous peoples.
- Create opportunities for education and internal collaboration among City staff to strengthen the relationship with the Indigenous community and service providers.

Strategy has 3 Phased

- Phase 1
 - Raise awareness of strategy
 - Partnerships developed
 - Created coordinating circle
- Phase 2
 - Community engagement
- Phase 3
 - Brought together all data from community engagement and compiled report

July 8, 2019 the report was fully endorsed by council

Strategic Themes

- Land
- People
- Spirit

Some successes:

- Development of a Use of Indigenous Medicines Policy and Procedure.
- Launch of an Indigenous Cultural Competency Training pilot.
- Four successful lunch and learn documentary series viewings for City staff.
- Celebration of National Indigenous History Month, including display panels and artefacts.
- Permanent installation of Indigenous Flags at City Hall.
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Exhibit at Dundurn Castle which was youth-led

Land Acknowledgment

- The City land acknowledgment was developed with consultation from various indigenous groups and leaders including the Six Nations and the Mississaugas of the Credit
- Provided “Land Acknowledgement Toolkit Guide” handout
 - o Outlines the history and importance of the City’s unique land acknowledgment

More resources and tools available at Hamilton.ca/indigenous

Discussion:

J. Mayo – June is aboriginal month and also senior’s month. It would be interesting for next year to combine some activities. Lisa Maychak would be the contact. We could think about this for 2021.

MOTION

(N. Nizam/ D. Broom)

That the Senior Advisory Committee fully support the Truth and Reconciliation action items calling for full implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

MOTION

(P. Petrie/ J. Mayo)

That the motion respecting the Senior Advisory Committee supporting the Truth and Reconciliation action, be deferred to a future meeting to allow for staff to provide more information on the subject to the committee members.

CARRIED

(J. Mayo / J. McColl)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee receive S. Hill and N. Jones' presentation

CARRIED

4. Working Groups / Committees

4.1 Working Groups

a) Getting Around Hamilton Working Group (J. Mayo)

Pedestrian Safety Workshops

- 4 so far
- Content is excellent
- Need to look at a different strategy to get people to attend
- Unclear to what extent it will continue due to the corona virus and public health needing to focus staff on that strategy – it is up in the air as to whether the program will continue in the short term

Transit Area Rating Sub-Committee

- City Council agreed to form sub-committee to examine the question of area rating
- Committee met for first time February 25th 2020
- At the meeting there was a presentation by HSR
- HSR presented 3 scenarios as to how area rating could be changed
- Chad Collins led discussion

- He asked about HSR re-environment project
 - This is happening as we speak
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- Projecting to come sometime in the spring with a proposal to council
- HSR routes have not been changed for 20yrs
- LRT discussions in terms of what will happen with left over money
- The Senior Advisory Committee agreed not to commit to have any discussion until all of the information is in front of them
- This means the committee will not meet until all pieces are in place which will be sometime in the fall
- J. Mayo was going to present to SAC but as the presentation has no urgency and there is no forthcoming meeting there will be no presentation at this time

Parallel to our committee the Age Friendly group developing the next stage plan 2020-25

- o As part of that J. Mayo met with the HSR
 - Positive discussion and relationship developing
 - At some point will present recommendations to SAC
 - Larger budget deliberations are ongoing – HSR asked to bring a list of underperforming routes to council
 - Councilors voted to cut those routes
 - Encourage you to read article in the spectator and write to council

Another major discussion item – snow clearing

- o Difficult issue – tax burden
- o As this is a complex issue there has to be more consultation
- o Again this is a topic best moved to Age Friendly platform – because it has to be a much broader discussion

Next meeting Thursday Mar. 17 at 1pm – Rm 192 City Hall

MOTION

Endorsement of City of Hamilton Clearing of Snow from City Sidewalks, city wide.

WHEREAS, in 2012, Hamilton City Council endorsed the development of the 2014 - 2019 Age Friendly Hamilton plan as a strategic priority for Hamilton which included the frame work for Getting Around Hamilton.

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton received a detailed report from city staff in 2014 providing information regarding the snow removal from all city wide sidewalks which Council has yet to act on.

WHEREAS, Council for the City of Hamilton has once again sent back the latest report on sidewalk snow removal for further study.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Senior Advisory Committee fully endorses snow removal from any and all city owned sidewalks in the City of Hamilton.

That the staff report be immediately brought back before Council for discussion and approval for the 2020 budget process.

That the City of Hamilton sidewalk snow plowing be fully implemented by the winter of 2020/2021.

(D. Broom/ N. Nizam)

Discussion on Motion

B. Spinner – can we include some reference in the motion to the vision statement of the city? “To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.”

MOTION : Re: Amendment to Motion

To add the following to the above motion moved by D. Broom:

“WHEREAS inaction in snow clearing is contrary to the City’s vision statement”

(B. Spinner, J. McColl)

CARRIED (unanimous)

Discussion re: motion of D. Broom

- Committee discussed whether showing support for D. Broom’s motion would negatively impact support for other city services – primarily HSR

(D. Broom, N. Nizam)

Call on Motion of D. Broom as amended by Motion of B. Spinner

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That the City of Hamilton sidewalk snow plowing be fully implemented by the winter of 2020/2021.

CARRIED (unanimous)

(J. Mayo/ S. Boblin)

Whereas the city councilors have voted to reduce the HSR Service, SAC deplors this action and requests that full HSR service be reinstated.

CARRIED (unanimous)

(J. Mayo/ N. Nizam)

That SAC request to delegate at the next meeting of the Transit Area Rating Sub Committee

CARRIED

b) Older Adult Elder Financial & Physical Abuse Working Group

- o No report

c) Housing (J. McColl)

- o Greg Witt gave presentation at last meeting. The number of 75 year old's made smallest percentage in households in Hamilton but number to significantly rise.
- o Next meeting will discuss goals and vision
- o Continue to update housing options for elderly in Hamilton
- o Next steps maybe to meet with Jeff Nevin, Dr. Ellen Ryan and maybe James O'Brien
- o Next meeting March 19, 2020 rm. 192/193 City Hall at 10am

d) Communication (D. Broom)

- o Meeting February 19, 2020
- o Prior to this meeting we provided John Fernandes of the City's Information Technology Dept. with a list of issues we feel seniors face navigating the city's website. As a result there were a lot of discussions around those issues. What did become apparent this will not be an easy fix but we can tackle a few things at the moment to help move the process along.
 - 1) Once an introduction paragraph for the seniors webpage is completed the 211 link will be added.
 - 2) Add the seniors under the city initiatives home page.
 - 3) Add a link on the senior's page for translations in 50 various languages,

It may become difficult trying to educate seniors on the use of the website, especially those with limited computer skills; therefore we may have to focus more on the children of seniors (caregivers) in order to help those seniors who lack those skills.

Another issue came clear we should not change the name from seniors to older adults as the current city computer will not link anyone to the senior's page.

At our March meeting, the Chair of SAC will ask committee members to begin thinking about what is

important to them, what type of information they look for, what are the support services and programs they see that are needed. Then at the April SAC meeting we will spend some time building a list of resources for the webpage. This information will help inform the content of the senior's webpage.

This endeavor is becoming a monumental task and no significant changes will be coming anytime soon. But with the help of all committee members we might be able to make some significant changes.

The next meeting is March 18, 2020 at 1:00pm at City Hall, Room 192.

4.2 Working Groups/Committees

a) Age Friendly Plan – Governance Committee

No update at this time.

b) Older Adult Network

D. Stone. Met last week. Seniors Kick off is scheduled for May 27, 2020. SAC will have a booth. Dance and Dinner on June 7, 2020. Will need more assistance.

c) International Day of Older Persons Committee

No update at this time

d) McMaster Institute for Research on Aging

No update at this time

e) Ontario Health Coalition

No update other than there has been a lot of talk of lack of PSWs.

f) Our Future Hamilton Update

No update at this time

g) Senior of the Year Award

P. Petrie – Lisa Maychak was unavailable to come today but has asked for us to discuss someone volunteering to be a judge for the Sr. of the Year

A. Elliott Volunteered

5. Business / Discussion Items

S. Boblin – Fire Safety Symposium – March 10 10am-2pm. Even through registration deadline has passed there are still some spots.

J. McColl – Last month I wished to raised a motion. I circulated materials to J. Bowen but they did not make it to the agenda. I want the minutes reflected that I wish to move this motion next month.

J. Mayo – if we are going to make a motion we should send a written copy to both the chair and the staff representative with text of the motion so that it can be printed and sent out to the committee.

6. Other Business

n/a

7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Friday, April 3, 2020



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**Meeting Minutes
Seniors Advisory Committee
Friday, November 6,
2020 10:00am –
12:00pm**

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Councillor(s): Councillor Jackson

Also, in Attendance:

Paul Di Clemente, Diversity and Inclusion, Human Resources
Taline Morris, Diversity and Inclusion, Human Resources

Absent with Regrets: Lisa Maychak, Councillor Nann

Absent: Ann Elliot, Vince Mercuri, Kamal Jain

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

- Land Acknowledgement - Presented by J.Mayo
- J. McColl to read next meeting

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- C. Fernandes added Snow clearing issue to the agenda
- That the agenda for November 6, 2020 be approved as amended.
(D. Broom/ M. Toth)

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Not Applicable

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**4.1** October 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes

- J. Mayo provided amendments for section 10.1 of October 2, 2020 minutes.
- That the Senior's Advisory Committee accepts the October 2, 2020 Minutes as amended.

(M. Wahlman / J. McColl)

CARRIED

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- Not Applicable

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- Not Applicable

7. CONSENT ITEMS

- Not Applicable

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS

- Not Applicable

9. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Tammy Dumas-Executive Director of InCommunities, presented on the programs provided by InCommunities, including a volunteer connections program, a language services program and the 211 program. The Senior's Advisory Committee members asked questions about 211 service delivery and accessibility for seniors. T Dumas answered accordingly.

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS**Working Groups (Item 10.1)****Getting Around Hamilton Working Group**

- J. Mayo: The first meeting is November 12, 2020 in the afternoon
- J. Mayo advised that they have finalized the document to be sent to the Transit Area Rating Sub-Committee.
- Nothing else to report
- C. Fernandes suggested group work on an information session aimed at improving negative perception of DARTS. J. Mayo suggested C. Fernandes attend next meeting and liaise with

ACPD.

Older Adult Financial & Physical Abuse Working Group

- Nothing to report.

Housing Working Group

- J. McColl: The group has not met yet.
- C. Fernandes expressed concerns re: snow clearing by-law. In her neighborhood, there has been Inadequate snow clearing due to fire hydrant on one side and the mailboxes on the other side of the property. Vendors are requesting upwards of \$1000 to assist in snow clearing.
- J. Mayo advised snow clearing is apart of the Getting Around Hamilton working group mandate and on the agenda for next meeting.

Communication Working Group

- D. Broom: The last meeting was October 21, 2020
- In collaboration with Lisa Maychak and the information received about 211, committee will come up with an opening paragraph for the city's website. Still awaiting paragraph submission from some group members for City website.
- The committee is reviewing the 8 sections of the City's webpage to determine what is relevant for seniors.
- Asked L. Maychak if IT could to audit website and determine what's being utilized. Recommendations to follow results of audit.
- Seniors becoming shut ins due to COVID. Committee to brainstorm ways to reach out to seniors. Next meeting is Nov 18th at 1pm
- Concerns raised in regard to font size on city website as well as search bar linking to the appropriate service. Committee aware and trying to troubleshoot with IT.

Committees Item (10.2)

Age Friendly Plan - Governance Committee

- J. Mayo: Diligently working on next 5-year plan. The plan will be sent out in the next 2 weeks. There will be a motion to accept the report that will eventually go to council.

Older Adult Network

- D. Stone: No meeting this year. Prospective meeting for January/February 2021.

International Day of Older Persons Committee

- D. Stone: No meeting this year. Prospective meeting for

January/February 2021.

McMaster Institute for Research on Aging

- B. Spinner: No longer on call

Ontario Health Coalition

- C. Fernandes advised that she receives daily alarming reports about Long Term Care Facilities and COVID. Seniors are investigating other options as LTC facilities and Retirement Residences are no longer safe options.
- Councilor Jackson reports that the City of Hamilton's senior advisor will be applying for additional funding when allocated by the provincial government, to hire more resources for the Long-term care facilities owned by the City of Hamilton (Macassa lodge and Wentworth Lodge).
- A. Alshaikhahmed expressed concern that medical professionals are dismissing senior's medical issues as old age rather than properly investigating

Our Future Hamilton Update

- Jim McColl:2020 annual summit is cancelled
- Engage.hamilton.ca is a website that provides up to date information and surveys on City initiatives for residents to be informed and provide input.
- J. McColl agreed to review the Engage Hamilton website and bring list of upcoming topics to each meeting
- J. McColl inquired if Secondary Dwelling Unit information will still be disseminated. Paul to disseminate.
- Councillor Jackson reports that the opportunity to provide feedback to planner available until the end of the month. There will be two virtual Public Information Centers

Senior of the Year Award

- Group has not met yet

11. MOTIONS

- Not Applicable

12. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

i. Discussion re: Stoney Creek Development (Item 12.1)

- P. Di Clement: Prior to COVID, we reached out to the City of Hamilton planning department to provide a presentation about a large development happening in Stoney Creek. SAC concerned

about residents in the development having access to emergency services. Planning committee willing to do presentation but asked that committee specify areas of concerns.

- J. Mayo expressed concerns regarding transportation for future residents of the 45-tower building
- Councilor Jackson: Falls within ward 10. According to zoning, there was no cap on maximum height building could be constructed. Developer has permission to build three 50 feet towers. Committee May wish to invite Planner and Ward 10 councillor M. Pearson to attend SAC meeting.
- J. Mayo to write something about what the group wants to focus on.

ii. Councilor Jackson Updates

- Proposed Hamilton water rate increase of 4.28 percent
- Overall City of Hamilton budget had a first peak starting at 4 percent
- GIC Will resume discussions on snow removal on Wednesday November 18 previous motion submitted by SAC will appear under correspondence.

iii. Information Sharing

- P. Petrie shared that there is an item in the spectator that the Hamilton Council on aging is seeking input on dementia in the form of a survey. More info available on Hamilton Council on aging website.
- D. Broom Shared he received survey called pandemic perspective on aging in Canada. Was disseminated
- M. Toth shared that housing planning for Ontario initiative are recruiting adults 55 and up to participate in a seniors housing initiative. Looks at alternatives to Long Term Care homes. Another initiative is looking at coop housing for seniors. Paul to disseminate

14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

- Not Applicable.

15. ADJOURNMENT

(M. Wahlman)

That the Senior's Advisory Committee be adjourned at 11:38. a.m.



Hamilton

**Meeting Minutes
Seniors Advisory
Committee**

**Friday, December 4,
2020 10:00am –
12:00pm**

Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall

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In Attendance:

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Councillor(s): Councillor Jackson

Also, in Attendance:

Cole Gately, Diversity and Inclusion, Human Resources (Staff)
Taline Morris, Diversity and Inclusion, Human Resources
(Staff)
Nabila Akbary, Diversity and Inclusion, Human Resources
(Staff)

Absent with Regrets: Councillor Jackson, Councillor Nann

Absent: Vince Mercuri

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

Land Acknowledgement - Presented by J.McColl
D. Petgrave to read next meeting

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

J. Mayo to share information under general information.

7.3(c)(c)**(D. Stone/ C. Fernandes)**

That the agenda for December 4, 2020 be approved as amended.

CARRIED**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING****(J. Mayo /J. McColl)**

That the Senior's Advisory Committee approves the November 6, 2020 Minutes as presented.

CARRIED**4. DISCUSSION ITEMS****i. Working Groups (Item 10.1)****Getting Around Hamilton Working Group**

J. Mayo: Committee has not met however, they have composed draft article regarding transit Area Rating Sub-Committee that will be sent to the Hamilton Spectator.

(J. Mayo/ S. Boblin)

MOTION: That the Senior Advisory Committee submit to the Hamilton Spectator, the article written by The Getting Around Hamilton Working Group, based on the presentation to the Transit Area Rating Sub-Committee

CARRIED

J. Mayo: The New Hope bicycle community would like the Senior Advisory Committee's support for a grant to add more older adult friendly bicycles to the roster of bicycles currently available

(J. Mayo/ S. Boblin)

MOTION: That the Senior Advisory Committee provide a letter of support to the New Hope bicycle community bicycle grant.

CARRIED

Workshops for drivers deferred until spring.

Older Adult Financial & Physical Abuse Working Group

- Did not meet in November
- D. Petgrave read minutes from October 23, 2020 meeting.
Copy of report to be disseminated

Housing Working Group

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- J. McColl: The group has met on November 19th. They are still discussing vision and mission statement.
- J. McColl to table snow clearing recommendations as city council has moved snow removal to the next budget cycle.
- M. Keating expressed that the snow removal recommendations should not be tabled.
- Getting Around Hamilton Working Group will have jurisdiction on snow removal

(J.McColl/J. Mayo)

MOTION: That the Senior Advisory Committee supports Secondary Dwelling Units

WHEREAS, the crisis around housing in many of Canada's largest cities is at the highest level it has ever been

AND WHEREAS, the proposed zoning by-law regulations for Hamilton Secondary Dwelling Units is the most consequential, pro-housing, affordability project in decades

AND WHEREAS, restrictive regulations, exclusionary zoning and mandatory parking minimums, prevent people who can and won't ever be able to afford to live in an exclusive neighborhood.

AND WHEREAS, the Ontario building Codes use the Ontario Human Rights Commission's recommendations to make these Secondary Dwelling Units compliant with older adult, senior and disabled requirements.

AND THEREFORE, be it resolved that this committee recommends, supporting the slow, steady progress of healthy, compact, sustainable and affordable communities that make Hamilton the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

DISCUSSION ON MOTION

J. Mayo advised she will provide report from CAMH regarding housing and secondary dwelling units to be disseminated

CARRIED

- J. McColl expressed concern that there have been a lack to responses/updates to motions previously submitted
- J. Mayo suggested a list of all recommendations since establishment of committee be attached to agenda possibly listed under consent items

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- T. Morris suggested a working group or committee member create a separate list to follow along with agenda. J. Mayo and P. Petrie to work on creating list for next meeting.
- D. Broom suggested adding timelines to better keep track of list

Communication Working Group

- D. Broom: The last meeting was November 18, 2020
- The review of City's webpage is complete. Recommendations will be passed on to L. Maychak, who will compile a report to be passed on to those who are currently reviewing the City's webpage.
- Next meeting is December 16, 2020.

ii. Committees (Item 10. 2)**Age Friendly Plan - Governance Committee**

J. Mayo provided information on the process for the 2020- 2026 Age friendly plan. There will likely be more amendments based on recommendations from the 3 key partners which are Senior Advisor Committee, the Hamilton Council on Aging and City Leadership staff.

(J. Mayo/ S. Boblin)

MOTION: That the senior Advisory Committee approves version 5 of Hamilton's plan for an age friendly community 2020-2026.

CARRIED(Unanimously)

Older Adult Network

- Nothing to report

International Day of Older Persons Committee

- Nothing to report

McMaster Institute for Research on Aging

- P. Petrie: Study looking at social participation, exercise and diet in older adults in planning process
- P. Petrie: Collaborative of health and aging. Group of 70 people that meet a couple times per year

Ontario Health Coalition

- C. Fernandes advised that the most recent reports from the Ontario Health Coalition advises that COVID outbreaks are

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escalating at an alarming rate, particularly in healthcare settings.

- The number and size of outbreaks have increased in every measure.
- We are currently in a second wave of COVID-19 outbreaks
- Report to be disseminated
- D. Broom inquired if there is a police investigation regarding non-COVID related deaths of seniors in facilities
- L Maychak suggested connecting with one of the City's senior support officers to provide feedback to David's question
- D. Broom to formulate questions on behalf of SAC to be provided to the senior support officer to answer.

Our Future Hamilton Update

- J. McColl encouraged committee members to visit Engage.hamilton.ca, a website that provides up to date information on City initiatives for residents. He reviewed some items currently found on website.

Senior of the Year Award

- L. Maychak advised nominations will launch in 2021
- Committee is hoping to host an event in 2021, Virtually if necessary.

5. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

Cable 14

- J. Mayo advised that as a member of the Hamilton Council on Aging, Education and Advocacy Committee, she created 4 shows for Cable 14, covering topics that include housing adaptations and other alternatives, social participation, financial security and driving and other transit options.
- Each program will be 30 minutes long, with J. Mayo as host discussing each topic with a guest.
- J. Mayo will advise when programs will air

6. ADJOURNMENT

(J. Mayo)

That the Senior's Advisory Committee adjourned be at 12:02 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 8, 2021

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NOTES

SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, January 08, 2021

10: 00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Present: Penelope Petrie (Chair), Sheryl Boblin, David Broom, Carolann Fernandes, Kamal Jain, Jim McColl, Maureen McKeating, Dahlia Petgrave, Marian Toth

Absent with Regrets: Aref Alshaikhahmed, Ann Elliot, Jeanne Mayo, Vince Mercuri, Noor Nizam, Sarah Shallwani, Barry Spinner, Douglas Stone, Marjorie Wahlman

Also, Present: Guests: Tracy Gibbs, Debbie Anne Keay and Phyllis Fehr Empowering Dementia- Friendly Communities

Staff: Cole Gately, Diversity & Inclusion Facilitator
Nabila Akbary, Admin. Diversity and Inclusion

Pursuant to Section 5.4(4) of the City of Hamilton's Procedural By-law 18-270 at 10:30 a.m. the Staff Liaison to the Committee advised those in attendance that quorum had not been achieved within 30 minutes after the time set for the Seniors Advisory Committee, therefore, the Staff Liaison to the Committee noted the names of those in attendance and the meeting stood adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cole Gately,
Diversity & Inclusion Facilitator



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**Meeting Minutes
Seniors Advisory Committee
February 5, 2021
10:00am – 12:00pm**

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In Attendance:

Penelope Petrie (Chair), Aref Alshaikhahmed, Sheryl Boblin, David Broom, Carolann Fernandes, Jeanne Mayo, Maureen McKeating, Dahlia Petgrave, Sarah Shallwani, Barry Spinner, Douglas Stone, Marian Toth, Marjorie Wahlman, Lisa Maychak, Ann Elliot, Kamal Jain

Also, in Attendance:

Cole Gately, Staff Liaison, Diversity and Inclusion, Office
Taline Morris, Admin Assistant, Diversity and Inclusion Office
Kim Varian, Executive Director, Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra
Stephanie Laporte, Development and Special Events Coordinator
Lennox Toppin, Manager of Development and Strategic Partnerships,
Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra

Absent with Regrets: Dahlia Petgrave, Councillor Jackson

Absent: Vince Mercuri, Noor Nizam

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

Land Acknowledgement presented by A. Alshaikhahmed

M.Toth volunteered to read Land Acknowledgement next meeting

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

C. Fernandes suggested having a moment of silence after the land acknowledge in lieu of all the seniors that have been lost due to the COVID

That the following items be added to the agenda:

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Item 1 - Presentation regarding Park Furniture by Bryan Carey, City of Hamilton

Item 2 - M. McKeating suggested discussion and death of seniors in long term care homes.

(S. Boblin/Wahlman)

That the agenda for February 5, 2021 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

J. Mayo provided typographical edits.

(M. Wahlman/ M. Toth)

That the Senior's Advisory Committee approves the December 4, 2020 Minutes as amended, with typographical edits.

CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS

i. Correspondence regarding Citizen Committee Reports (Item 5.1)

Committee members expressed frustration, concerns and discussed the potential impact on committee procedures as several agencies seek support for grant applications that are time sensitive from the Senior Advisory Committee. Committee members decided to create a committee statement to be submitted to Clerk's office in response to correspondence regarding Citizen Committee Report.

(J. Mayo/ M. Wahlman)

That the Senior Advisory Committee will create a statement to the office of the clerk's in response to the correspondence regarding Citizen Committee Report. In addition, the statement will also address the importance of having communication amongst all the advisory committees. This statement will be circulated to all members of the Senior Advisory Committee and then sent to staff for forwarding to the Clerk's office.

CARRIED

ii. Committee Member Resignation (item 5.2)

(M. Toth/ D. Broom)

That the Senior Advisory Committee receives the resignation of J. McColl.

CARRIED

9. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

i. Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra

Lennox Toppin, Manager of Development and Strategic Partnerships with

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the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra (HPO), Kim Varian, Executive Director, with the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra and Stephanie Laporte, Development and Special Events Coordinator with the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, spoke with the Senior Advisory Committee about senior initiatives such as the Senior Symphony experience, being delivered by the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra. Programs include Classical 101 lectures, Chamber ensemble performances and a talk and tea programs. Seniors Connect is a program developed by the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra to help senior's facing barriers attend performances. Due to the pandemic, virtual programming has now been implemented. Short discussion followed regarding reaching more seniors and possible future partnerships. L. Maychak suggested reaching out to recreation departments in Long Term Care Homes. Staff to disseminate contact information of Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra to Senior Advisory Committee members.

ii. Parks Furniture (Added Item 1)

Bryan Carey, Superintendent for Park operations, City of Hamilton presented to the senior advisory committee on Park's furniture including picnic tables and park benches. Bryan reported his aim is to increase accessibility to park furniture. The presentation included the aid of a PowerPoint presentation with picture of possible changes to parks furniture. A brief Question and answer period took place following the presentation. Committee members are encouraged to send all feedback directly to bryan.carey@hamilton.ca.

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

i. Working Groups (Item 10.1)

a. Getting Around Hamilton Working Group

J. Mayo: Every year during budget deliberations, The City Council has open delegations on transit issues. This year it will take place on February 8th at 3pm. J. Mayo requested and was approved and will be delegating respecting the need for transit options for rural areas. All are encouraged to tune in via the City of Hamilton's YouTube page. J. Mayo also advised that the working group is now working on the accessibility of e-bikes on trails. The would like an update re: snow removal. Next meeting is February 18th at 1pm.

b. Older Adult Financial & Physical Abuse Working Group

D. Broom reported that the last meeting was January 15, 2021 at 11am. There was discussion regarding seniors in long term care homes and was attended by a representative from the Hamilton Police Services. There was also discussion about creating packages to be distributed to seniors and providing victim services information via closed circuit television in senior's residences. February 19, 2021 at 1pm

b. Housing Working Group

There are no updates from this group

c. Communication Working Group

D. Broom: The last meeting was February 5, 2021. J. Mayo attended meeting and presented on resources discovered while working at cable 14. There was discussion regarding inviting Tammy Dumas from 211 to present to the group. L. Maychak is assisting with coordinating a presentation from the City's communication department. Group is still working on editing webpage information. Next meeting is February 17, 2021 at 1pm. L. Maychak advised that all webpage suggestions has been submitted to IT and is awaiting a response. J. Mayo mentioned the need for a centralized source of information to seniors.

ii. Committees (Item 10. 2)**a. Age Friendly Plan - Governance Committee**

J. Mayo advised that they are currently working on the final version of the 2020- 2026 Age friendly plan that will be sent to city council for approval. P. Petrie as chair, to reach out to A. Elliot regarding attendance at Working group and Senior Advisory Committee Meetings.

b. Older Adult Network

Committee meeting to take place in February to discuss hosting a virtual even in June.

c. International Day of Older Persons Committee

L. Maychak reports that this committee is considering a virtual event this year.

d. McMaster Institute for Research on Aging

There is nothing to report

e. Ontario Health Coalition

C. Fernandes advised that the most recent reports from the Ontario Health Coalition are disturbing. As per reports, residents in Long Term Care are lying in urine-soaked mattresses, elders are dying at 1 per hour, and there are acceptable levels of infections. In 2020, For profit Long Term Care homes made a profit of 170 million, and no one has lost a license so far.

There was discussion that long term care homes are not being properly inspected as homes are receiving advance notice of inspections and inspectors are only looking for specific reports and not looking at the general conditions of the long term care homes.

f. Our Future Hamilton Update

There are no updates

g. Senior of the Year Award

There are no updates

12. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS**i. Long Term Care Homes (Added Item 2)**

There members of the Senior Advisory Committee discussed the state of seniors in Long Term Care homes and brainstormed ways to lend support.

M. McKeating expressed that the senior advisory Committee should put forth a statement expressing their regret in response to the state of seniors in long term care home.

P. Petrie stated that she communicated with the Police Department and inquired about inviting a member of the Hamilton Police Service to speak with the Senior Advisory Committee regarding this issue. She is still awaiting a response and may touch base with councilor Jackson regarding this issue. D. Broom also expressed support for the Police attending a meeting as there does not appear to be any deterrents that will force long term care homes to change practices.

15. ADJOURNMENT**(P.Petrie)**

That the Senior's Advisory Committee adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 5, 2021



CITY OF HAMILTON
HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT
Hamilton Fire Department

TO:	Chair and Members Healthy and Safe Communities Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	March 25, 2021
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Provincial Fire Safety Grant (HSC21013) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	David Cunliffe (905) 546-2424 Ext. 3343
SUBMITTED BY:	Paul Johnson General Manger Healthy and Safe Communities Department
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION

That the Fire Chief be authorized to accept and utilize all grant funds provided by the Office of the Fire Marshal 2020/2021 Fire Safety Grant as per Appendix “A” to Report HSC21013 and be granted the authority to execute contracts, agreements, and documents required to give effect thereto in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On March 11, 2021, correspondence was received from the Ontario Fire Marshal notifying the City of Hamilton that the Province of Ontario has announced a one-time \$5 M grant to municipal fire services to assist in addressing challenges associated with training and virtual inspections due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The City of Hamilton is eligible to receive up to \$137,000 as part of the grant program.

In order to receive funds, the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) requires that applications (attached as Appendix “B” to Report HSC21013) be submitted no later than 1700 hours on March 19, 2021. The Fire Marshal has recognized that given the tight timeframes it would be difficult to have Council provide formal approval prior to submission of the application, thus allowing the Fire Chief to submit and accept the grant in principle on behalf of the municipality, pending formal approval from Council.

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Once the grant applications are approved by the OFM, the Fire Marshal will provide the Fire Chief with a letter of intent. The OFM must allocate funds before March 31, 2021. All funds provided must be spent by August 1, 2021, and a report back to the Fire Marshal will be required by September 1, 2021 to outline how the grant was utilized at the department level.

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: The City of Hamilton is eligible to receive up to \$137,000.00 as part of the grant program. All funds provided must be spent by August 1, 2021.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

On March 11, 2021, the City of Hamilton was notified that it was eligible to receive up to \$137,000 as part of the 2020/2021 Fire Safety Grant through the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshall.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

N/A

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

N/A

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Since the start of the pandemic, Ontario's fire services have faced unprecedented challenges and concerns that were shared with the Fire Marshal. The COVID environment created restrictions and limitations relative to the fire service's abilities to continue to adequately train fire service members, to enter premises to conduct inspections and complete Fire Code enforcement and to promote fire safety. It is anticipated that this grant will support fire services through this period of uncertainty and allow opportunities to facilitate legislated training and support fire safety inspection programs to ensure compliance with the Ontario Fire Code.

The grant is intended to provide fire departments with the flexibility to support two priority areas:

- Ongoing training needs including registration, administrative programming, technology upgrades and associated costs for attending as well for providing

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services; and,

- Fire Code compliance and including technology, capital costs and training to ensure that fire services can meet the demand of this need at the local level.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

N/A

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

Healthy and Safe Communities

Hamilton is a safe and supportive City where people are active, healthy, and have a high quality of life.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix “A” to Report HSC21013: Office of the Fire Marshal 2020/2021 Fire Safety Grant Memo

Appendix “B” to Report HSC21013: Office of the Fire Marshal 2020/2021 Fire Safety Grant Application Form

Ministry of the Solicitor General

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Emergency Management

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MEMORANDUM TO: City Manager Janette Smith
City Clerk Andrea Holland
Fire Chief David Cunliffe

FROM: Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire Marshal

DATE: March 11th, 2021

SUBJECT: Fire Safety Grant Announcement

Earlier today, the Government of Ontario announced a one time \$5M grant to municipal fire services to assist in addressing challenges associated with training and virtual inspections due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since the start of the pandemic, Ontario's fire services have faced unprecedented challenges and have voiced those concerns to me as Fire Marshal. The ability to train fire service members in a COVID environment brought with it new restrictions and despite opportunities to train online and through other modes, I know that not all training priorities may have been met over the last year. In addition, my office has heard concerns from fire departments about fire code enforcement and the ability to enter premises to conduct inspections and promote fire safety. It is hoped that this grant will work to support fire services through this period of uncertainty and ongoing challenges.

I am pleased to advise that the City of Hamilton is eligible to receive up to **\$137,000.00** as part of this grant program.

The grant is intended to provide fire departments with the flexibility to support two priority areas. First, this grant may be put towards ongoing training needs including registration, administrative programming, technology upgrades and associated costs for attending as well for providing services. In addition, if code compliance and inspections continue to be challenging, addressing opportunities for an inspection program may include technology, capital costs and training to ensure that fire services are able to meet the demand of this need at the local level.

In order to receive funds, the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) requires that the attached application be submitted by a representative of the municipality. As decisions regarding

the grant may not have time to proceed to municipal council for approval within the timeframes identified below, my office would be comfortable with the fire chief accepting the grant in principle on behalf of the municipality, pending formal approval from the council. To help facilitate this process, once the grant applications are approved, I will send the respective fire chief a letter of intent that will be contingent upon council's deliberations. In order to allocate funds before March 31, 2021, all applications must be received by my office no later than March 19, 2021. In addition, as a condition of the grant, these funds must be spent by August 1, 2021, and a report back to the Fire Marshal will be required by September 1, 2021, to outline how the grant was utilized at the department level.

Completed agreements should be sent by email to the Office of the Fire Marshal at ofm@ontario.ca. If you have any questions about this grant, do not hesitate to reach out to your Fire Protection Adviser.

Yours truly,

Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire Marshal



Office of the Fire Marshal 2020/2021 Fire Safety Grant Application Form

Instructions:

1. Please ensure that all fields are completed as part of this grant application form.
2. If you require more space, please adjust the text boxes as needed.
3. If you wish to split the grant between supporting training and supporting a virtual inspection program to enhance your existing in-person inspection program, please complete both sections below.
4. Please email completed application to ofm@ontario.ca
5. **Applications must be received no later than 1700hrs on March 19, 2021.**
6. If you have any questions, please contact your Fire Protection Adviser.

Name of Municipality	City of Hamilton
Name of Fire Department	Hamilton Fire Department
Municipal Mailing Address	City Hall, 71 Main St.W., 1st Floor Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5
Name of Fire Chief	David Cunliffe
Email Address for Fire Chief	david.cunliffe@hamilton.ca
Fire Safety Grant Allocation Amount	\$137,000.00

For those departments who wish to use the grant to support training, please provide a brief description of how the grant will be allocated, including the dollar amount. Please provide a brief overview of the training being provided, mode of delivery (online, Regional Training Centre, Learning Contract, other) and estimated timelines for completion. Please refer to the Fire Marshal Memo issued on March 11th, 2021 for additional information regarding eligible expenses. Please add extra lines to expand the text box below, if needed.

The negative impact of COVID on the Hamilton Fire Department's (HFD) ability to train staff through the traditional delivery methods has been significant. Prior to COVID, the majority of HFD training has been done using the traditional face to face delivery method, in group settings. HFD stations/divisions lack technology to effectively deploy learning modules as there is only one dedicated training workstation in locations that provides for a shared use environment. The fallout from COVID and its corresponding restrictions has clearly demonstrated that in order to create a viable and sustainable training delivery model, the HFD must adapt and provide an online learning environment that supports both individual and group learning. Additionally, the HFD needs to partner with the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM)/ Ontario Fire College (OFC) to expand the number of Learning Contracts held



Office of the Fire Marshal 2020/2021 Fire Safety Grant Application Form

between the parties in order to provide staff with the ability to participate in OFC training programs that can be accessed through the HFD Training Division. These discussions are currently taking place. Based on the identified need, the HFD had planned on the use of both 2021 Operating and Capital budgets to start the implementation of the following training technology upgrade plan:

- The purchase and deployment of approximately 120 tablets that will be deployed across all divisions: Fire Operations (career and volunteer), Fire Prevention, Training, Mechanical and Communications (Dispatch) in order to provide flexible, individual, independent learning utilizing a 3rd party internet-based training platform "Resource 1". Approximate cost: \$101,508.00 before applicable taxes.
- The purchase and deployment of approximately 35 70" networkable video screens that will be deployed across all divisions: Fire Operations (career and volunteer), Fire Prevention, Training, Mechanical and Communications (Dispatch) that will enable a direct communications platform to all staff, display KPIs for continuous improvement/analysis/debrief and provide a department wide virtual training /information platform for a group environment. The video screens would also allow interconnectivity to individual learning tablets. Approximate cost: \$261,800 before applicable taxes.
- The purchase and deployment of "Resource 1" NFPA e-training books (one per employee). Approximate annual cost: \$17,000.00 before applicable taxes.
- Total approximate 2021 cost to support online learning: \$380,308.00 before applicable taxes.

It would be the intent of the HFD to utilize the \$137,000.00 Provincial Fire Safety Grant Allocation to help offset the overall funding of the program and to accelerate its implementation timetable.

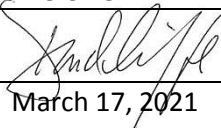
If approved, the HFD will apply the applicable costs of the various components purchased and implemented during the period of January 1 - August 1, 2021 against the approved grant amount.

For those departments who wish to use the grant to support a virtual inspection program to enhance your existing in-person inspection program, please provide a brief description of how the grant will be allocated, including the dollar amount. Please provide a brief overview of the compliance activities and how it will be administered at the department level, including potential rollout. Please refer to Fire Marshal Memo issued on March 11th, 2021 for additional information regarding eligible expenses. Please add extra lines to expand the text box below, if needed.

N/A



Office of the Fire Marshal 2020/2021 Fire Safety Grant Application Form

Name of Application Submitter	David Cunliffe
Title	Fire Chief
Signature	
Date	March 17, 2021



**EXPANDING HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR
WOMEN, NON-BINARY, AND TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY
SUB-COMMITTEE
REPORT 21-001**

2:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present:

Voting: Councillors N. Nann (Chair), C. Collins, J. Farr, and M. Wilson
S. Badri, R. Bouwman, M. Uppal, M. Vaccaro, and P. Whitlow

Non-Voting: R. Mastroianni and N. Zelisko

Also Present: E. John, Director of Housing Services

Regrets: C. Kirkby

**THE EXPANDING HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR WOMEN, NON-BINARY
AND TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 21-001
AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

1. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR (Item 1)

That Rachel Bouwman be appointed Vice-Chair of the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women and Transgender Community Sub-Committee for the remainder of the 2018-2022 term.

**2. WINTER 2020 HOUSING AND EMERGENCY SHELTER SUPPORTS
(HSC21007) (CITY WIDE) (Item 7.1)**

(a) That Report HSC21007, respecting Winter 2020 Housing and Emergency Shelter Supports (City Wide), be received; and

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- (b) That staff contact the Native Women's Centre to explore and address the funding gap resulting in the loss of 15 shelter beds at the Native Women's Centre.

3. CANADA ONTARIO HOUSING BENEFIT (Added Item 13.2)

That the Council write to the Provincial and Federal Governments to advocate for an increase to the Canada Ontario Housing Benefit.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

The Committee Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

The agenda for the March 18, 2021 Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women, Non-Binary, and Transgender Community Sub-Committee meeting was approved, as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

(i) December 4, 2020 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the December 4, 2020 meeting of the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women, Non-Binary, and Transgender Community Sub-Committee, were approved, as presented.

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Correspondence from Jennifer Hompoth, respecting the need for targeted housing for women, non-binary and transgender people (Item 5.1)

The correspondence from Jennifer Hompoth, respecting the need for targeted housing for women, non-binary and transgender people, was received.

(e) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(i) Housing Needs Assessment (Added Item 13.1)

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Staff was directed to review existing research and data on housing supports for the LGBTQ+ Community, including research and data from the Community University Policy Alliance on Gender Based Homelessness at McMaster University, and report back to the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women, Non-Binary, and Transgender Community Sub-Committee with a needs assessment for housing and emergency shelter supports for women, non-binary and transgender community; and recommendations on policies, procedures, and actions that can be taken by the City of Hamilton.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women, Non-Binary, and Transgender Community Sub-Committee was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Nrinder Nann
Chair, Expanding Housing and Support
Services for Women, Non-Binary and
Transgender Community Sub-Committee

Tamara Bates
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

CITY OF HAMILTON NOTICE OF MOTION

Emergency and Community Services: March 25, 2021

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA

Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) Service Manager Service Agreement

WHEREAS on December 12, 2012, City Council authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, to enter into the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) Service Manager Service Agreement with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (the Ministry) effective January 1, 2013 (the CHPI Agreement);

WHEREAS by letter dated March 10, 2021 (the Amendment), the Ministry has offered to amend the CHPI Agreement to provide additional funding of approximately \$12.3 Million to the City pursuant to the terms and conditions outlined in the Amendment including that the City must accept the Amendment not later than March 22, 2021;

WHEREAS the City Manager, relying on the authority delegated to her in Hamilton By-law 20-044—the Covid-19 Emergency Delegated Authority—agreed to the Amendment on behalf of the City on March 19, 2021;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That City Council endorses and approves the City Manager's decision to agree to the Amendment to the CHPI Agreement on behalf of the City of Hamilton; and
- (b) That the General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or designate, be authorized and directed to execute all necessary agreements and documents as may be required to implement the funds provided by the Ministry pursuant to the amendment in the continued delivery the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative, each such agreement being in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.