



City of Hamilton

EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 21-013

Date: December 9, 2021

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall (CC)

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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

*4.2. November 18, 2021

5. COMMUNICATIONS

*5.6. Michelle Cho, respecting Cathedral Shelter

Recommendation: To be received and referred to Item 8.2

*5.7. Damon Joo, respecting Cathedral Shelter

*5.8. Carmen Orlandis, respecting Cathedral Shelter

*5.9. Olivia O'Connor, Hamilton ACORN, respecting Renoviction

*5.10. Regina Henry, respecting Couples Shelter

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- *6.2. Douglas Sporbeck, Hamilton ACORN, respecting Renoviction (for today's meeting) - Video Delegation
- *6.3. Elizabeth Ellis, Hamilton ACORN, respecting Renoviction (for today's meeting) - Video Delegation
- *6.4. Darlene Wesley, Hamilton ACORN, respecting Renoviction (for today's meeting)
- *6.5. Zechariah Hockridge, ACORN Hamilton, respecting Renoviction (for today's meeting)
- *6.6. Kristain Jewers, ACORN, respecting Renoviction (for today's meeting)
- *6.7. Marnie McIlveen, respecting Couples Shelter (for today's meeting)

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- *10.10. 2022 Budget Submission - Seniors Advisory Committee (HSC21050) (City Wide)
- *10.11. 2021 Ministry of Long-Term Care Funding Enhancement (HSC21052) (Wards 6 and 13)

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

- *12.1. Comprehensive, Human-rights Based, Health-focused Housing Solutions for Residents Living Encamped across Hamilton



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 21-012

1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger
Councillors N. Nann (Chair), B. Clark, T. Jackson, S. Merulla, and
E. Pauls

Regrets: Councillor B. Clark – City Business
Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

**1. National Childcare Strategy – Investigating the Potential for Direct
Municipal Agreement with the Federal Government (Item 11.1)**

(Nann/Pauls)

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2021 the Government of Canada's budget announcement included a \$30 billion investment over five years to create a national system of Early Learning and Child Care and Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care;

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada has entered into Child Care Agreements with seven provinces and one territory to improve the quantity and quality of regulated child care while reducing the costs for parents to an average of \$10 per day;

WHEREAS, the provinces and territory that signed agreements with the federal government are collectively committing to expanding capacity of new regulated child care spaces by 125,000;

WHEREAS, an agreement between the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario on a bilateral child care program remains outstanding with public reports stating negotiations are ongoing;

WHEREAS, Ontario is home to 38% of Canada's children under the age of 6;

WHEREAS, like other cities in Ontario, families in Hamilton struggle with accessing child care and managing the high fees required to maintain care once secured;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has particularly amplified the precarious position that women, primarily the caregivers of children, are placed in when forced to choose between participating in the workforce and caring for their children or their extended family's children;

WHEREAS, twice as many women as men vacated the paid labour force by September 2021 compared to February 2020;

WHEREAS, the adoption of a National Child Care strategy would provide the resources required to ensure all families have access to the child care supports that meet their needs while providing all members of our community the opportunity to fully participate in the work force;

WHEREAS, the National Child Care strategy aligns with Hamilton's Economic Recovery Task Force recommendation to ensuring a direct connection is made to the health and well-being of the community and the economy; and

WHEREAS, the National Child Care strategy aligns with Hamilton's Early Years Community Plan and the commitment to providing responsive, high quality, accessible early years programming that achieves equitable outcomes for all children and families.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

- (a) That staff from the Healthy and Safe Communities Department investigate the potential for entering into a direct municipal agreement with the Federal Government that would allow the City of Hamilton to participate in the National Childcare Strategy and report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee as soon as possible; **and**
- (b) ***That City Council strongly supports the Federal Government's National Childcare Strategy and demands that the Province of Ontario formalize an affordable, equitable, quality childcare agreement with the Federal Government as soon as possible.***

Result: Motion, as Amended, CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

ABSENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

FOR INFORMATION:**(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)**

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1. Rachele Sender, Shelter Health Network, respecting opposing the dismantling of encampments in Hamilton

Recommendation: To be received.

- 5.2. Keanin Loomis, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting Item 11.1, National Childcare Strategy – investigating the potential for direct municipal agreement with the Federal Government

Recommendation: To be received and referred to Item 11.1.

- 5.3. Bill Johnston, respecting Report 2021/2022 Winter Service Planning (HSC21048), Item 10.4 on the Nov. 18, 2021 agenda

Recommendation: To be received and referred to Item 10.4.

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.4. Darryl Hall, Umbrella Child and Family Centres of Hamilton, respecting National Childcare Strategy (for today's meeting)

- 6.5. Marni Flaherty, Today's Child, respecting municipal agreement with the federal government to move the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care Plan forward (for today's meeting)

- 6.6. Denise Davy, respecting Winter Service Planning (for today's meeting)

7. CONSENT ITEMS

- 7.1. Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes - October 1, 2021

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 10.5. Seniors Advisory Committee - Citizen Committee Report, respecting Proposed resolution regarding Hamilton Police Service Board and Hamilton Police Services failure to provide adequate and effective police services in long-term care homes in the City of Hamilton

Due to the anticipated loss of quorum at 1:50 p.m., the approval of Delegation Requests Items 6.1 to 6.6 and Item 11.1, National Childcare Strategy – Investigating the Potential for Direct Municipal Agreement with the Federal Government are to be dealt with immediately following Item 3, Declarations of Interest.

(Jackson/Pauls)

That the agenda for the November 18, 2021 Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 ABSENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

(Pauls/Jackson)

That the following Delegation Requests, be approved for today's meeting:

- (i) Denise Christopherson, YWCA Hamilton, regarding Child Care Motion (for today's meeting) (Item 6.1)
- (ii) Jake Szamosi, regarding encampments and the city's homelessness response (Item 6.2)
- (iii) Dr. Rachel Lamont, regarding enforcement of encampment evictions without adequate supports in place, and the deleterious health effects of such actions (Item 6.3)
- (iv) Darryl Hall, Umbrella Child and Family Centres of Hamilton, respecting National Childcare Strategy (Added Item 6.4)

- (v) Marni Flaherty, Today's Child, respecting municipal agreement with the federal government to move the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care Plan forward (Added Item 6.5)
- (vi) Denise Davy, respecting Winter Service Planning (Added Item 6.6)

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nringer Nann
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 ABSENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

(Jackson/Merulla)

That Delegations 9.1 - 9.6, be moved up on the agenda, in anticipation of the loss of quorum.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nringer Nann
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 ABSENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

(d) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 9)

(i) Denise Christopherson, YWCA Hamilton, regarding Child Care Motion (Added Item 9.1)

Denise Christopherson, YWCA Hamilton, addressed the Committee respecting Item 11.1, National Childcare Strategy – Investigating the Potential for Direct Municipal Agreement with the Federal Government.

(ii) Jake Szamosi, regarding encampments and the city's homelessness response (Added Item 9.2)

Jake Szamosi, addressed the Committee respecting encampments and the city's homelessness response.

(iii) Dr. Rachel Lamont, regarding enforcement of encampment evictions without adequate supports in place, and the deleterious health effects of such actions (Added Item 9.3)

Dr. Rachel Lamont, addressed the Committee respecting enforcement of encampment evictions without adequate supports in place, and the deleterious health effects of such actions.

(iv) Darryl Hall, Umbrella Child and Family Centres of Hamilton, respecting National Childcare Strategy (Added Item 9.4)

Darryl Hall, Umbrella Child and Family Centres of Hamilton, addressed the Committee respecting National Childcare Strategy with the aid of a presentation.

Quorum was lost at 2:00 p.m., the Chair with the Committee's consent heard the remaining Delegations.

(v) Marni Flaherty, Today's Child, respecting municipal agreement with the federal government to move the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care Plan forward (Added Item 9.5)

Marni Flaherty, Today's Child, addressed the Committee respecting municipal agreement with the federal government to move the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care Plan forward.

Quorum was achieved at 2:05 p.m.

(vi) Denise Davy, respecting Winter Service Planning (Added Item 9.6)

Denise Davy addressed the Committee, respecting Winter Service Planning.

(Jackson/Pauls)

That the following Delegations, be received:

- (i) Denise Christopherson, YWCA Hamilton, regarding Child Care Motion - received and referred to Item 11.1 (Added Item 9.1)
- (ii) Jake Szamosi, regarding encampments and the city's homelessness response – received (Added Item 9.2)
- (iii) Dr. Rachel Lamont, regarding enforcement of encampment evictions without adequate supports in place, and the deleterious health effects of such actions – received (Added Item 9.3)
- (iv) Darryl Hall, Umbrella Child and Family Centres of Hamilton, respecting National Childcare Strategy - received and referred to Item 11.1 (Added Item 6.4)
- (v) Marni Flaherty, Today's Child, respecting municipal agreement with the federal government to move the Canada Wide Early Learning

and Child Care Plan forward - received and referred to Item 11.1
 (Added Item 6.5)

- (vi) Denise Davy, respecting Winter Service Planning - received and referred to Item 10.4 (Added Item 6.6)

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
 YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 ABSENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1 and (e).

(e) MOTIONS (Item 11)

- (i) National Childcare Strategy – Investigating the Potential for Direct Municipal Agreement with the Federal Government (Item 11.1)**

(Nann/Wilson)

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2021 the Government of Canada's budget announcement included a \$30 billion investment over five years to create a national system of Early Learning and Child Care and Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care (1);

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada has entered into Child Care Agreements with seven provinces and one territory to improve the quantity and quality of regulated child care while reducing the costs for parents to an average of \$10 per day;

WHEREAS, the provinces and territory that signed agreements with the federal government are collectively committing to expanding capacity of new regulated child care spaces by 125,000 (2);

WHEREAS, an agreement between the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario on a bilateral child care program remains outstanding with public reports stating negotiations are ongoing;

WHEREAS, Ontario is home to 38% of Canada's children under the age of 6 (3);

WHEREAS, like other cities in Ontario, families in Hamilton struggle with accessing child care and managing the high fees required to maintain care once secured;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has particularly amplified the precarious position that women, primarily the caregivers of children, are placed in when forced to choose between participating in the workforce and caring for their children or their extended family's children;

WHEREAS, twice as many women as men vacated the paid labour force by September 2021 compared to February 2020 (4);

WHEREAS, the adoption of a National Child Care strategy would provide the resources required to ensure all families have access to the child care supports that meet their needs while providing all members of our community the opportunity to fully participate in the work force;

WHEREAS, the National Child Care strategy aligns with Hamilton's Economic Recovery Task Force recommendation to ensuring a direct connection is made to the health and well-being of the community and the economy (5); and

WHEREAS, the National Child Care strategy aligns with Hamilton's Early Years Community Plan and the commitment to providing responsive, high quality, accessible early years programming that achieves equitable outcomes for all children and families.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That staff from the Healthy and Safe Communities Department investigate the potential for entering into a direct municipal agreement with the Federal Government that would allow the City of Hamilton to participate in the National Childcare Strategy and report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee as soon as possible.

(Eisenberger/Pauls)

That the motion respecting National Childcare Strategy – Investigating the Potential for Direct Municipal Agreement with the Federal Government, **be amended** by adding the new subsection (b), to read as follows:

- (b) That City Council strongly supports the Federal Government's National Childcare Strategy and demands that the Province of Ontario formalize an affordable, equitable, quality childcare agreement with the Federal Government as soon as possible.**

Result: Amendment CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
 YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
ABSENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(Jackson/Pauls)

That, in anticipation of the loss of quorum, the following items, be deferred to the December 9, 2021 meeting of the Emergency and Community Services Committee:

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

(1) November 4, 2021

(ii) COMMUNICATION ITEMS (Item 5)

(1) Rachele Sender, Shelter Health Network, respecting opposing the dismantling of encampments in Hamilton (Added Item 5.1)

Recommendation: To be received.

(2) Keanin Loomis, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting Item 11.1, National Childcare Strategy – investigating the potential for direct municipal agreement with the Federal Government (Added Item 5.2)

Recommendation: To be received and referred to Item 11.1.

(3) Bill Johnston, respecting Report 2021/2022 Winter Service Planning (HSC21048), Item 10.4 on the Nov. 18, 2021 agenda (Added Item 5.3)

Recommendation: To be received and referred to Item 10.4.

(iii) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)

(1) Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes – October 1, 2021 (Added Item 7.1)

(iv) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(1) Stryker Power Load Conveyance Equipment Standardization (HSC21038) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)

(2) ZOLL Defibrillators Standardization for the Hamilton Fire Department and Hamilton Paramedic Service (HSC21039) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)

- (3) Snow Angels Program Update (HSC21046) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)
- (4) 2021/2022 Winter Service Planning (HSC21048) (City Wide) (Item 10.4)
- (5) Seniors Advisory Committee - Citizen Committee Report, respecting Proposed resolution regarding Hamilton Police Service Board and Hamilton Police Services failure to provide adequate and effective police services in long-term care homes in the City of Hamilton (Added Item 6.5)

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
 YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 ABSENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Pauls/Jackson)

That there being no further business, the Emergency and Community Services Committee be adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
 YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 ABSENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor N. Nann
 Chair, Emergency and Community Services
 Committee

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Tamara Bates
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Questions for Cathedral shelter community meeting

From: Michelle Cho <>

Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 8:03 PM

To: John, Edward <Edward.John@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Housing Services <housing@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the City Manager <CityManager@hamilton.ca>

Cc: Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Mastroianni, Rob <Rob.Mastroianni@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Whitehead, Terry <Terry.Whitehead@hamilton.ca>; Merulla, Sam <Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca>; Mater, Grace <Grace.Mater@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Questions for Cathedral shelter community meeting

My questions were never answered by any of the members at the meeting.

Picking the questions that are easy to answer and inaccurately paraphrasing longer questions is a waste of time and shows a lack of respect to those in the community who made the effort to join the "conversation".

This meeting was not a discussion but an announcement.

Please answer my questions below:

Why was this meeting on e-meeting via webex and not on zoom as previously done?

Was this meeting recorded?

Questions from the meeting that were ignored:

Landsdale neighborhood was not notified of this meeting on any social media, by flyers or emails. Is there a reason why they were not notified? Landsdale is only a block away from Old Cathedral Boy School.

On June 29 meeting, Grace Mater mentioned multiple times the lack of beds in the women's shelters. WHEN did the city decide to recommend continuing the temporary shelter as a women's shelter?

During the same meeting Edward John and Nrinder Nann promised they have no intention to keep the temporary shelter and it will close by end of December, yet they are now keeping it open even longer. Shifting from a men's to womens does not change the fact that the temporary shelter is now being extended into next year . Do you believe you were being honest and fully transparent to the community?

Invite emails about this meeting were sent December 2 by Nrinder Nann's office. The same day housing division sent an email about recommending the temporary shelter at the former Cathedral Boys School transition into a temporary shelter for women until June 30 on the next emergency committee meeting.

4 days is not sufficient notice. Why are the meetings always called with such short notice?

Is it done to minimize attendance and push back from the community?

This is violation against my rights as a member in the community. I have the right/ to ask valid questions in a community meeting regarding agendas that will affect the safety and well being of my family.

Sincerely,
Michelle Cho

Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Cathedral Shelter Community meeting Dec 6**From:** Damon J <>**Sent:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 6:49 PM**To:** Mastroianni, Rob <Rob.Mastroianni@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; John, Edward <Edward.John@hamilton.ca>; Housing Services <housing@hamilton.ca>; Affordable Housing <affordho@hamilton.ca>**Cc:** Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Whitehead, Terry <Terry.Whitehead@hamilton.ca>; Merulla, Sam <Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca>; Mater, Grace <Grace.Mater@hamilton.ca>; Carmen Saliccioli <>; clerk@hamilton.ca**Subject:** Cathedral Shelter Community meeting Dec 6

To all to whom this is addressed, the panelist and Councillor Nann, and to the attention of the Mayor and of the Councillors who will seat Dec 9 2021 at the City of Hamilton Emergency & Community Services Committee.

Most questions that were asked during the short 60 minute meeting went unanswered/ignored.

I believe another member of the community has sent an email with a complete list of questions. The expectation is (the panelists) do their civic duty and provide **answers before Dec 9**, so that the City of Hamilton Emergency & Community Services Committee may be informed BEFORE the appointed meeting when they will consider this issue.

Has a decision has already been made and the meeting on Dec 9 is simply a formality?

For the chair of the City of Hamilton Emergency & Community Services Committee, Nrinder seemed to be someone who could provide some answers and clarification, yet stayed disengaged and silent during the meeting. This is surprising for the councillor of the ward that this has a direct impact on. For someone who promotes community engagement and inclusion, the effort to inform and include as much of the community in the "conversation" and meeting about the shelter says otherwise.

There were several issues with the meeting:

-Time set was 1730, for the majority of us who work and have families, this is one of the worst times to hold a meeting. The meeting for a splash pad is today (dec 7) at 1830? I can see where the priorities are here. Was this meeting more of an announcement wrapped and presented as a "conversation"?

- Why the switch from a stable meeting platform used in prior meetings (zoom) to a new platform through eventbrite/webex? the app crashed twice and was not very user friendly.

- No recording, no transcript available

- SHORT NOTICE....splash pad meeting is set and announced weeks in advance with feedback surveys months in advance. Does anyone think that 1 week notice, just 2 days prior to the committee meeting is sufficient? Where are the feedback surveys?

What is the future of the old cathedral boys school? How many "temporary" shelters will there be?

How long will you continue to use Covid as the convenient excuse to explain the lack of progress on issues that have been around long before Covid?

The issues that this temporary shelter is supposed to help alleviate are not new, throwing a new bandaid on top of an old one is not making it better, it's festering the wound. When is the city staff going to produce a viable long term plan to deal with homelessness and mental health?

Will the community be given ample time and opportunity to give feedback on any future plans for the old cathedral boys school and any other facility in question in the ward.

Regards,

Damon Joo

Concerned (14 year) Ward 3 resident

To the Chair and Members of the Emergency and Community Services Committee

Carmen Orlandis

Hamilton, ON

Part 1 "Cathedral Shelter Community Meeting" Dec 6 2021.

(I posted the first rough draft of the text below in "the chat" of the "Cathedral Shelter Community Meeting" Dec, 6, 2021 via Webex. I took the 24 hours since then to correct a bit my grammar, articulate better my thoughts and fix a few errors.)

I request that this project is halted until due diligence on the matter is completed.

I ask forgiveness if any of my assertions are incorrect. They are made in good faith and at the best of my ability, education & knowledge. Part 1 results from a herculean effort to obtain information from Good Shepherd, Councilor Nann, EOC and P. Johnson. If I fail to express clearly my thoughts and arguments, please contact me.

Stinson's safety and well-being have already greatly deteriorated this past year and this was caused by the opening of the "temporary shelter for men" at O.C. and the many encampments that appeared in our neighborhood at the same time. The social disorder around the shelter escalated to the point that Good Shepherd was obliged to hire private security to patrol the vicinity at night. The initial number of the shelter clients was 35. When the number increased to 45 clients, there was a new surge of incidents & high acuity behaviors in our neighborhood.

A LOW BARRIER shelter for 100 persons with active substance abuse will be detrimental for Stinson security, safety and well-being and this infringes our Rights under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

This Part 1 questions the legality and/or due process that are necessary to use a building that was undergoing the process of study for a "heritage designation". Also, to use again the location to operate a homeless shelter after the original 2020 "emergency order" expired probably breaks other kinds of bylaws regulating this type of operation in a neighborhood historically burden with a unusually high concentration of RCF's.

City Staff and Good Shepherd have been working in this new venture for many months and if now "time is short" is due to the "culture of secrecy" reigning in City Hall. The community has being asking questions about the future of Old Cathedral for over one year and Ward 3 Councilor Nann and G.S. Director Saliccioli are our witnesses.

Arguments to support the need for an immediate investigation:

1. Old Cathedral Boys School was under study to be declared a "heritage building". The building was described in an Spec article as a "Real State -white elephant" in reference to the cost to remedy the asbestos present (estimated at over 4 million \$) and as such, a burden to its owner, the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton. **This rises the specter of financial gain and the possibility of collusion and conflict of interest between the Dioceses, Good Shepherd and City Hall resulting in the detriment to our neighborhood.**

2. The Emergency Operation Center, EOC, was activated when the Province declared an State of emergency April 2020 that ended June 2020.

3. **Paul Johnson bypassed the "heritage designation issue"** in 2020 by using his exceptional powers as head of the Emergency Operations Center, EOC, P. Johnson exceptional powers ended in June 2020 when Ontario lifted the State of Emergency, even if the EOC remained ready and in place in case of another "state of emergency" was declared. No new "Emergency State" has been declared.

4. Even if we asked Councilor Nann and other City Hall Staff countless times, it was never disclosed to the community the exact date when P. Johnson signed the emergency order, and as far as we know, he could have signed it a few hours or a few days after the Ontario Emergency State was lifted.

It is because, and only because, P. Johnson signed this Emergency Order that it was possible to open the temporary shelter for men without further process; and it is because the OC men's shelter is operational that the new shelter for women is being "recommended" by Staff. I question the legality of the lack of due process for the "new shelter" because the appointed time of the emergency order has expired.

5. Councilor Nann is fully aware that there were "issues" regarding Old Cathedral and the "heritage designation" since the Fall of 2020. At first she was greatly confused when we asked about the selection process of OC for the "temporary emergency shelter for men" & what other locations had being considered & why OC was chosen.

Later on, Councilor Nann told us that the process of location selection was cut short when GS Allan Whittle offered the OC location to City Hall.

Note that the negotiations between Good Shepherd and City Hall were kept secret and only after the "Emergency Order" was signed, Ward 3 Councilor Nann and then the public were informed.

Note that **Good Shepherd does not own the building and that prior to Covid Allan Whittle tried to secure OC for GS' operations two times prior to Covid and these 2 proposals were denied.** As the community began thinking of a re-purposing the building that would uplift the neighborhood we requested disclosure of the reasons why the Good Shepherd 2 grant applications were turn down. Our questions remain unanswered but we found out that one of the applications was for a "senior's hub". It appears to me that is a "seniors hub" was denied for Old Cathedral... **a low barrier emergency shelter for 100 persons**, some of whom suffer from active substance use, would have also be denied for this particular location if the proper procedures had been followed.

6. In 2020, we presented to Councilor Nann our concerns that once City Hall had invested so much cash to prep OC for the temporary shelter for men, there was a huge risk that City Hall motivation to close the building as a shelter will be gone. We were repeatedly assured that this would not be the case and that the shelter will close definitively by Dec 2021.

7. We also were promised that the community will be engaged in the conversation for the re-purposing of the building. We have robustly tried to engage in this process and every few weeks we have contacted Carmen Salciccioli and Councilor Nann and City Staff about it. No response. Months ago, Councilor Nann announced a Zoom meeting to re-start this process and then, abruptly she cancelled it...why? Was she informed then that this new secret plan was in the works?

8. We feel that the opening of a gender-specific emergency shelter for 100 women, trans-feminine, trans-masculine and non-binary adults in this location MAY fulfill the letter of the promise to close the men's shelter, but it breaks the SPIRIT of the promise and it is unethical and perhaps illegal.

9. We question the panelists "Cathedral Shelter Community Meeting" Dec 6 2021 if the intended date for the closure of this "proposed" shelter will be guaranteed June 2022. They mumbled and avoid a direct and clear YES!

Note: September 2022 the new St Patrick ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will open its doors one block from OLD CATHEDRAL!

The text below was sent to the panelists of the "Cathedral Shelter Community Meeting" December 6, 2021 via Webex. and Councilor Nann. I submit it now to Council to illustrate how badly it was organized.

Part 2

"Cathedral Shelter Community Meeting" Dec 6 2021.

NOTE: Most of these questions are not per se "follow- up questions". Most questions were asked and not answered during the short 60-minute meeting.

NOTE: We expect the panelists' **answers before Dec 9**, so that the City of Hamilton Emergency & Community Services Committee may be informed BEFORE the appointed meeting when they will consider this issue.

1. We were informed only a few days ago that the "temporary shelter for men" will be transmuted into a "temporary emergency shelter for women" until June 2022. There was plenty time for City Hall to find other building/ buildings to provide the much needed shelter/s for women.

Question: Were other locations/ options considered?

2. When we asked why City Hall Staff had been planning for many months to continue to use Old Cathedral as a shelter but only contacted a few community members Dec 2, we were given no answer.

Questions: Why was this communication delayed? Why so few neighbors were contacted?

3. This will be the second "temporary shelter" to be run from Old Cathedral, a building that was undergoing the process of "Heritage designation".

The community was told in the Fall of 2020 that the "temporary emergency shelter for men" would operate until June 31, 2021, but that "depending of Covid" it may remain open until Dec 31, 2021 and then the shelter will be closed and the building would be re-purposed with community involvement and consultations.

We pointed out to the panelists that the scientific prognostications indicate that Covid will probably remain for years to come, but not as deadly & in a manageable form like the flu. We asked if Covid will be used as an excuse to extend the operation of the OC new shelter after June 2022. The panelist's answer was ambiguous.

Question: Will the new "temporary shelter for women" at O.C definitely close June 2022?

4. "A LOW BARRIER shelter for 100 persons with active substance use" will be detrimental for Stinson security, safety and well-being and this infringes our Charter of Rights.

Question: Why is this number so high and why has City Hall decided to shelter 100 persons in one single building & in one single neighborhood?

As an example I point out that the new, Emma's Place has ONLY 15 beds!!!

5. When a neighbor asked where will be the shelter men moved to? There was no answer. I followed up her inquiry with this:

Question (i): Will be the men sheltered at OC be housed at 46 West Ave?

The reason I asked this yesterday and I ask again now, is because I am aware that after the initial use of 46 West Ave as a self-isolation site for covid-positive homeless men, it has been empty for a while. The panelist appeared to "evade" my question; a YES or NO would have being enough.

6. When the community pointed out that 60 minutes was an extraordinary short time for this kind of community meeting, and if we could have another meeting, longer and better organized, the answers was clear: NO

Question: Why No?

7. When we asked if the session was recorded so that we could share it with other community members who were not able to attend due to the lack of proper announcement, the answer was: No

Question: Why it was not recorded?

8. Councilor Nann opened the session but she avoided being part of the panel.

Question: Why?

9. One of the GS staff said that the community will not be permitted to visit the shelter. She claimed "privacy issues". I remind the panelists that when the "temporary emergency shelter for men" opened, **the community was invited to visit the facility**. Only another neighborhood lady and I accepted the invitation because everybody was scared of Covid. Even if this was in Dec 2020 before the vaccines were available and I have a grave heart condition & I was scared, I went anyway. I have visited other times Old Cathedral for meetings with Director Salciccioli and manager Daryl. This connection has proved beneficial for the shelter and the community.

Question: Will community members be barred from visiting the shelter?

10. GS was obliged to hire private security outside of the shelter to bring the social disorder under control, i.e., vandalism, fights, knives, trespassing, open drug use in the neighborhood, etc. The panelists mentioned that these security measures will continue. There was no time in the meeting to follow-up.

This security is ONLY at night and the open substance abuse continues during the day.

The number of clients will increase from 35 to 100. It is an unfortunate & a sad probability that rough men and drug dealers may be attracted to the vicinity of OC. And if this happens, it will gravely affect the safety of the neighborhood AT LARGE, not just in the immediate vicinity of OC. Sadly, something like this happened at the Claremont Access encampment where the number of men "visiting" the encampment was unbelievable; and even if 46 West Ave (covid isolation site) and 40 West Ave hired private security, the incidents of social disorder, theft, vandalism, and open drug use were constant until the encampment was cleared.

Questions: Will GS increase to 24/7 the security patrols? Will the security be increased to a 4-block radius around OC?

11. When the legality/ due process necessary to use a building that was undergoing the process of study for a "heritage designation" was questioned, the panelist drew a blank and ignored the questions.

Perhaps R. Mastroniani and E. John may not be familiar with the fact that **Paul Johnson bypassed the "heritage designation issue"** in 2020 by using his exceptional powers as head of the Emergency Operations Center, EOC. P. Johnson's exceptional powers ended in June 2020 when Ontario lifted the state of Emergency, even if the EOC remained ready and in place in case another "state of emergency" was declared. Even if we asked Councilor Nann and other City Hall Staff multiple times, it was never disclosed to the community the exact date when P. Johnson signed the emergency order, and as far as we know, he could have signed it a few hours or a few days after the Ontario Emergency State was lifted. **It is because, and only because, this P. Johnson's Emergency Order was signed that the temporary shelter for men was opened at all; and it is because the men's shelter is operational that the new shelter for women is being "recommended" by Staff and now we question the legality of the due process for the "new shelter".**

Perhaps Good Shepherd Staff, Mcfadzean and Kalinoski are informed, because they work for GS.

Councilor Nann is fully aware that there were "issues" regarding Old Cathedral and the "heritage designation" since the Fall of 2020. At first she was greatly confused when we asked about the selection process of OC for the "temporary emergency shelter for men" & what other locations had been considered & why OC was chosen. Later on, Councilor Nann told us that the process of the location selection was cut short when GS Allan Whittle offered the OC location to City Hall. Note that Good Shepherd does not own the building and that prior to Covid, Allan Whittle tried to secure OC for GS's use and the proposals were denied.

Since this issue is so complex I will submit the questions on this particular subject in "Questions-Part 1 [Note: I change the order of the emails, 1-2-3, in this submission for the sake of relevance]

12. Note that this [the questions below] was posted on the "chat" and ignored by the panelist. Note that this kind of information is vital when considering the impact that an operation of this type will have in the surrounding community.

QUESTION 12: Did City Hall senior staff consider & include in their recommendation to Council to open this new shelter the following Stinson data?

(12.1) Number of for-profit RCF's in the neighborhood?

(12.2) Police data of crime increase in our neighborhood from Sept 2020 until now?

(12.3) number of 911 calls in the radius of 5 blocks around OC in the same area and period of time?

(12.4) The Poverty Index of Stinson/Lansdale, the areas directly affected?

(12.5) Have they consulted with Councilor Nann about the feedback Ward 3 office received from the community from the fall of 2020 till now?

(12.6) Considering that the new Emma's Place will house ONLY 15 clients and the staff recommended new OC shelter will house an unprecedented 100 clients: Have staff prepared data on how these high numbers have affected other communities where similar shelters of this size are located?

(12.7) Was a "projection" prepared, based on scientific data, of how the presence of the low barrier shelter for 100 persons with active substance abuse will affect the Stinson/ Lansdale community's security, safety and well-being and infringe upon our Rights under the Charter?

Part 3

The text below was addressed to the panelists of the December 6, 2021 presentation.

1. Your announcement to the community about the meeting was lacking, beyond poor. The optics are that the panel was trying to minimize participation.
2. Just a handful of neighbors received your emails. The optics are that the panel was trying to minimize participation.
3. When I pressed you to urgently deliver fliers, you did but I only know of 3 people that receive the flier. I did not. The optics are that the panel was trying to minimize participation.
4. When I asked you to provide a phone line to permit the neighbors without access to the internet to participate, you sent the phone line # ...by email! And then Dec 6 the phone line did not work. The optics are that the panel was trying to minimize participation.
5. You avoided recording the meeting. The optics is that this was by design :
 - (i) this prevents us to share with to the rest of the community what transpired.
 - (ii) Without the recording, you were not obliged to inform Council on December 9 of our words.
6. Most of the questions that were asked on the "chat" remain unanswered. Now there is not a record of this. This perhaps explains why the session was not recorded.
7. When asked by a participant that given that the matter was of such great importance for Stinson/Lansdale safety and well-being, and given the fact that you only gave us 60 minutes, if there was going to be a better organized follow up session...your answer was simply: NO.

I will send you again tomorrow some of my questions, and I expect answers.



December 9 2021

ACORN Hamilton Written Submission regarding renoviction (Housing Affordability and Eviction Prevention) in report Adaptation and Transformation of Services for People Experiencing Homelessness Update 4 - Emergency and Community Services Committee

ACORN Hamilton supports the City of Hamilton hiring a consultant to “evaluate the feasibility of implementing a New Westminster style bylaw in Hamilton to deal with the issue of ‘renovictions’.”

In August 2020, ACORN released our Defend Our Homes report which outlined ACORN’s platform to protect tenants from renoviction.

- 1) The City of Hamilton needs to implement strong local legislation based on anti-renoviction policy from New Westminster, British Columbia.
- 2) The City of Hamilton needs to make further improvements to the Tenant Defence Fund (increase eligibility, permanent funding, increase grant amounts, outreach and support)
- 3) The City of Hamilton needs to create a robust proactive tenant education program to inform tenants of their rights when a building is sold and track reports of tenant displacement

Across the city low income tenants are being forced from their homes and Hamilton’s market affordable housing stock is being lost. Hamilton urgently needs policy in place to ensure tenant’s keep their affordable housing.

In addition to local renoviction policy, ACORN urges the city to expand the consultant’s work to investigate local tools and powers to protect tenants from demoviction. The city already has policy in place in the Downtown Secondary Plan that “require development proposals that will result in the demolition or redevelopment of affordable housing units to demonstrate that as a result of

the proposed development there is no net loss in the number of affordable housing units within the Central Hamilton Local Housing Market Zone and provide an acceptable tenant relocation and assistance plan."

This policy needs to be expanded city wide and to be strengthened by adding that tenants have first right of refusal in the new development to return to a unit at the same rent. Similar to the rental replacement policy in Burnaby, British Columbia.

ACORN looks forward to working with the consultant, City Councillors and city staff to investigate and implement bold municipal legislation to protect tenants from renoviction, demoviction and substandard housing conditions.

ACORN Hamilton is a community and tenant organization with a membership of low and moderate tenants. We have four chapters in Hamilton: Downtown, Mountain, Stoney Creek & East Hamilton.

Contact info:

905-393-5734 / hamilton@acorncanada.org

56 Mulberry Street, Hamilton

Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Emergency meeting**From:** Gina Henry < >**Sent:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021 12:01 PM**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca**Subject:** Emergency meeting

I would like to delegate to tomorrow's

EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE Meeting

A few years ago, my son was working full time as a senior accounts manager having worked his way up from a minimum wage position. Then the company went bankrupt and he lost his job. He was already fighting addiction (successfully) and a diagnosed psychiatric disorder. The firing triggered psychiatric problems. He managed to support himself for a few years, but eventually could not longer cope and started living on the streets where he has been on and off for the past 4 years.

In the past 4 weeks my son has been violently attacked twice. The first time resulted in 2 collapsed lungs, a chest tube and a 3 week hospital stay. He was beaten because he was unhoused and mentally ill. This past Saturday on the 3rd day after his discharge from hospital he and his fiancé were attacked by a man wielding a baseball bat. When the police arrived, the man took off and the officers were nice enough to bring them to my home because as one officer told me on the phone "they are not safe staying here." He and his partner were concerned that the man would return. My son's fiancé suffered a blow to the head resulting in nausea and a severe headache. They have filled out all the paperwork, followed up with their housing officer every few days, repeatedly called to try to find a spot in the hotel program - in other words they have done everything right. If I could I would put them up, but I live in my sister's house and it is not possible.

The longer the city refuses to make changes in their willingness to look for immediate solutions, the larger this problem will become and more people are going to die on the streets THIS winter.

Regina Henry
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Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Delegate to Hamilton's emergency meeting on housing

From: Gina Henry < >

Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 12:05 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Delegate to Hamilton's emergency meeting on housing

Hi I just sent an email to delegate, but ran out of time. I realized that initially I had sent it to the wrong email. I would like to add the following:

My reading of the Ontario Human Rights Code leads me to believe that this is a blatant violation of the right to housing based on family status:

"Every person in Ontario has a right to be free from discrimination and harassment on the basis of family status, in the social areas of employment, services, goods, facilities, housing accommodation, contracts, and membership in trade and vocational associations."

Furthermore:

"The Code provides explicit protection against discrimination for specific relationships, through prohibitions on discrimination because of marital status and family status."

Section 10(1) of the Code broadly defines the ground of marital status as follows:

"marital status" means the status of being married, single, widowed, divorced or separated and includes the status of living in a conjugal relationship with a person outside of marriage.

Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

-----Original Message-----

From: no-reply@hamilton.ca <no-reply@hamilton.ca>

Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 9:23 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

Submitted on Monday, December 6, 2021 - 9:22pm Submitted by anonymous user: 172.70.174.14 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Douglas Sporbeck

Name of Organization: Hamilton ACORN

Contact Number:

Email Address: organizeham@acorncanada.org

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: To submit a prerecorded video delegation on the issue of renoviction at the Emergency and

Community Services committee, Thursday, December 9th, 2021.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/563681>

Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

-----Original Message-----

From: no-reply@hamilton.ca <no-reply@hamilton.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 9:42 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

Submitted on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 - 9:41am Submitted by anonymous user: 172.68.170.134 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Elizabeth Ellis

Name of Organization: ACORN Hamilton

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address: Hamilton

Reason(s) for delegation request: To speak to renovation item

(Housing Affordability and Eviction Prevention) in report

Adaptation and Transformation of Services for People Experiencing Homelessness Update 4 on December 9th.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/563746>

Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

-----Original Message-----

From: no-reply@hamilton.ca <no-reply@hamilton.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 9:58 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

Submitted on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 - 9:58am Submitted by anonymous user: 172.68.170.134 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Darlene Wesley

Name of Organization: ACORN Hamilton

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address: Hamilton

Reason(s) for delegation request: To speak to renovation item

(Housing Affordability and Eviction Prevention) in report

Adaptation and Transformation of Services for People Experiencing Homelessness Update 4.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/563761>

Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

-----Original Message-----

From: no-reply@hamilton.ca <no-reply@hamilton.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 11:27 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

Submitted on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 - 11:27am Submitted by anonymous user: 172.68.170.132

Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Zechariah Hockridge

Name of Organization: ACORN Hamilton

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address: Hamilton

Reason(s) for delegation request: To speak in support of city hiring a consultant to develop renovation strategy. (Report - Adaptation and Transformation of Services for People Experiencing Homelessness Update 4) December 9th E&CS committee meeting.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/563806>

Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

-----Original Message-----

From: no-reply@hamilton.ca <no-reply@hamilton.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 11:40 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

Submitted on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 - 11:39am Submitted by anonymous user: 172.68.170.134

Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Kristain Jewers

Name of Organization: ACORN

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address: Hamilton

Reason(s) for delegation request: To speak to Hamilton hiring a consultant to develop renoviction strategy. Dec 9 Emergency and Community Services Committee.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/563811>

Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

-----Original Message-----

From: no-reply@hamilton.ca <no-reply@hamilton.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 7:56 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

Submitted on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 - 7:55am Submitted by anonymous user: 162.158.126.165

Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Marcie McIlveen

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address: Hamilton on

Reason(s) for delegation request:

Couples shelter

People deprived of housing

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/563966>



CITY OF HAMILTON
HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT
Children's Services and Neighbourhood Development Division

TO:	Chair and Members, Emergency and Community Services Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	December 9, 2021
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	2022 Budget Submission - Seniors Advisory Committee (HSC21050) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	Lisa Maychak (905) 546-2424 Ext. 1721
SUBMITTED BY:	Jessica Chase Director, Children's Services and Neighbourhood Development Division Healthy and Safe Communities Department
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee 2022 base budget submission attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC21050 in the amount of \$2,500 be approved and referred to the 2022 budget process for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the process for submission of budgets for the Volunteer Advisory Committees, the Seniors Advisory Committee budget for 2022, in the amount of \$2500 is being submitted for approval.

Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 2

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: The base budget request for 2022 for the Seniors Advisory Committee is the same as the budget requested and approved for 2021.

Staffing: N/A

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**SUBJECT: 2022 Budget Submission - Seniors Advisory Committee (HSC21050)
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Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

At their November 5, 2021 meeting, the Seniors Advisory Committee considered their budget needs for 2022. Their budget submission is attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC21050. The budget includes incidental costs to support the Committee as well as additional costs for specific events, programs and initiatives.

The Seniors Advisory Committee is requesting the same budget they had in 2021 in the amount of \$2,500.

In accordance with the volunteer committee budget process, the budget is recommended for approval.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

The Seniors Advisory Committee is able to put surplus funds from each year into a reserve, for future purposes and request the use of those funds, in future years, for specific activities. The possibility gives the Committee the opportunity to plan ahead to undertake specific projects or initiatives, in future years, while minimizing increases in their budgets. The Seniors Advisory Committee has not yet determined all of their activities for 2022. Should additional funding be required in 2022 and be available in the Seniors Advisory Committee reserve, requests for reserve funding will be made at the appropriate time.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

The Seniors Advisory Committee discussed their 2022 budget needs at their November 5, 2021 committee meeting.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The recommendation will provide funding for the operations of the Seniors Advisory Committee to enable them to continue to fulfil their terms of reference.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

None

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN**Community Engagement & Participation**

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Hamilton has an open, transparent and accessible approach to City government that engages with and empowers all citizens to be involved in their community.

Economic Prosperity and Growth

Hamilton has a prosperous and diverse local economy where people have opportunities to grow and develop.

Healthy and Safe Communities

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

Clean and Green

Hamilton is environmentally sustainable with a healthy balance of natural and urban spaces.

Built Environment and Infrastructure

Hamilton is supported by state-of-the-art infrastructure, transportation options, buildings and public spaces that create a dynamic City.

Culture and Diversity

Hamilton is a thriving, vibrant place for arts, culture, and heritage where diversity and inclusivity are embraced and celebrated.

Our People and Performance

Hamiltonians have a high level of trust and confidence in their City government.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix "A" to Report HSC21050: Seniors Advisory Committee 2022 Budget Submission

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CITY OF HAMILTON

2022

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

BUDGET SUBMISSION FORM

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PART A: General Information

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Aref Alshaihahmed	Maureen McKeating	
Sheryl Boblin	Vince Mercuri	
David Broom	Noor Nizam	
Ann Elliott	Dahlia Petgrave	
Carolann Fernandes	Penelope Petrie	
Kamal Jain	Sarah Shallwani	
Jeanne Mayo	Barry Spinner	
	Douglas Stone	
	Marian Toth	
	Marjorie Wahlman	

MANDATE:

The Seniors Advisory Committee is a Council mandated advisory committee of the City of Hamilton. To be a credible communication vehicle that will reflect and translate the ongoing needs that affects the quality of life for all older persons. It will provide a forum for consumers and deliverers of services and facilities to identify issues, explore possible remedies, and work to implement them.

PART B: Strategic Planning

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

- To assist Council in decision making as it pertains to senior’s issues in Hamilton.
- To respond and advocate concerns affecting policies, services and facilities for seniors delivered by and funded by all levels of government.
- To promote and disseminate all decisions relating to access, the provision of services programs and facilities for seniors in the City of Hamilton.
- To liaise with other organized groups when there are matters of mutual concerns.
- To promote and advocate, wherever appropriate, the concept of healthy aging by encouraging improved and responsive programs and services in a timely fashion.

ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE GOALS:

Please check off which Council approved Strategic Commitments your Advisory Committee supports			
1) Community Engagement & Participation	X	2) Economic Prosperity & Growth	X
3) Healthy & Safe Communities	X	4) Clean & Green	X
5) Built Environment & Infrastructure	X	6) Culture & Diversity	X
7) Our People & Performance	X		

PART C: Budget Request

INCIDENTAL COSTS:

Monthly meeting expenses (photocopying, refreshments, advertising, postage, etc).	\$1500.00	
SUB TOTAL		\$1,500.00

SPECIAL EVENT/PROJECT COSTS:

Support for Seniors related events (International Day of the Older Person, Seniors Month Kick-off Event, Senior of the Year Award, etcetera).	\$1000.00	
SUB TOTAL		\$1,000.00

TOTAL COSTS	\$2,500.00
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Funding from Advisory Committee Reserve (only available to Advisory Committees with reserve balances)	\$N/A
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TOTAL 2022 BUDGET REQUEST (net of reserve funding)	\$2,500.00
PREVIOUS YEAR (2021) APPROVED BUDGET (2021 Request \$)	\$2,500.00

CERTIFICATION:

Please note that this document is a request for a Budget from the City of Hamilton Operating budget. The submission of this document does not guarantee the requested budget amount. Please have a representative sign and date the document below.

Representative's Name: **Penelope Petrie** _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Telephone #: _____

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CITY OF HAMILTON
HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT
Long Term Care

TO:	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	December 9, 2021
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	2021 Ministry of Long-Term Care Funding Enhancement (HSC21052) (Wards 6 and 13)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Wards 6 and 13
PREPARED BY:	Holly Odoardi (905) 546-2424 Ext. 1906
SUBMITTED BY:	Grace Mater General Manager Healthy and Safe Communities Department
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION

That new 100% Provincial Funding from the Ministry of Long-Term Care to provide care and services seven days a week to our residents in Long Term Care facilities of Macassa Lodge and Wentworth Lodge for additional 39.65 FTEs effective November 1, 2021 with an estimated gross cost of \$1,531,724 and net cost of \$0 annually be approved.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of the Ministry of Long-Term Care's "A better place to live, a better place to work: Ontario's long-term care staffing plan", a financial commitment has been made by the province to support long-term care home licensees in hiring additional staff to increase direct hours of care provided to residents and enhance quality of care.

The City of Hamilton will receive \$1,531,724 for an additional 39.65 FTE to provide enhanced care and services seven days a week to the residents at both Macassa Lodge and Wentworth Lodge. The additional staff will include nursing, personal support worker and allied health professional staff across both Lodges. This new provincial funding will cover the full cost of the increase in staffing from November 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 with no levy impact. This funding will continue to be supplemented until 2025 and thereafter continue as base funding.

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**SUBJECT: 2021 Ministry of Long-Term Care Funding Enhancement (HSC21052)
(Wards 6 and 13) - Page 2 of 4**

Alternatives for Consideration –Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: The City of Hamilton will receive \$1,531,724 in funding from the Ministry of Long-Term Care to hire an additional 39.65 FTE. New provincial funding from the Ministry of Long-Term Care will cover the full cost of this increase in staffing from November 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 with no levy impact. This funding will continue to be supplemented until 2025 and thereafter continue as base funding.

Staffing: An additional 39.65 FTE consisting of nursing, personal support workers and allied health professional staff will be hired to increase direct hours of care provided to residents of Macassa and Wentworth Lodges.

Legal: Not applicable

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

In December 2020, the Ministry of Long-Term Care released “A better place to live, a better place to work: Ontario’s long-term care staffing plan”. This staffing plan aims to make long-term care a better place for residents to live, and a better place for staff to work. The plan focuses on recruitment and retention of more staff, improving working conditions and driving effective and accountable leadership. To support implementation of the plan, provincial financial commitments have been made to improve Ontario’s long-term care sector by increasing staffing levels to support long-term care home licensees in hiring additional staff to increase direct hours of care provided to residents and enhancing the quality of care.

Over the past few years, a number of reports have been issued outlining systemic challenges in the long-term care sector. The two critical reports that were instrumental in highlighting the way forward for LTC in the recent, “A Better Place to Live, A Better Place to Work” report include the final report and recommendations of the Long-Term Care Homes Public Inquiry (July 2019) and the more recent recommendations by the Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission (October 2020 and December 2020).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

Recommendations have been made in consideration of the City of Hamilton’s Budgeted Complement Control Policy (CBP – 1).

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RELEVANT CONSULTATION

The recommendations in this report are supported by Corporate Services, Financial Planning, Administration and Policy.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The goal of this new enhanced staff funding is to support LTC home licensees to enable the hiring of more staff to increase direct hours of care provided to residents. Moving to a provincial average of four hours of care has been a long-standing advocacy priority for LTC ever since the target was identified in the government-commissioned Sharkey Report on long-term care in 2008.

The MOLTC staffing plan focuses on six areas of action:

- #1. Increasing the hours of direct hands-on care provided by nurses and personal support workers, to an average of four hours per day per resident, including a significant increase in nursing care to reflect the acuity of long-term care residents and expanding resident access to allied health staff.
- #2. Accelerating and expanding educational pathways to help recruit the tens of thousands of new staff that will be needed.
- #3. Supporting continued development and professional growth for long-term care staff, which will also improve retention.
- #4. Improving working conditions for staff.
- #5. Building effective and accountable leadership in homes across the province to improve oversight within homes, guidance, and medical outcomes in long-term care homes.
- #6. Measuring progress against key performance indicators.

Staff have been working closely with Human Resources on recruitment strategies for ongoing recruitment as well as being prepared for multi-year recruitment. Staff will ensure that these additional FTE's are strategically determined to enhance services and quality of care through feedback, risk mitigation assessment and gap analysis through people leaders.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Not applicable.

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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

None.

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE: December 9, 2021

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....

Comprehensive, Human-rights Based, Health-focused Housing Solutions for Residents Living Encamped across Hamilton

WHEREAS, the reality of unhoused residents living in encampments is a persistent reality across the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, these encampments have become increasingly visible throughout the pandemic;

WHEREAS, the number of unhoused residents who have been living encamped in Hamilton ranges between 80 to 140 people;

WHEREAS, encampments will persist until the City of Hamilton develops and implements a strategy to eliminate homelessness that addresses the unique health needs experienced by those who are encamped;

WHEREAS, the City’s Housing & Homelessness Strategy is rooted in a solution-focused, person-centred approach and recognizes that best practices for solutions are the result of direct participation of those with lived experience of being unhoused;

WHEREAS, the largest gap in addressing the unique needs of many of those residents who have no other option than to live encamped rests in the lack of comprehensive, coordinated housing and health-based resources with a disproportionate impact on unhoused indigenous people, those unhoused residents living with disabilities, and those unhoused residents of other equity-seeking group that continue to face culture, structural and systemic barriers in accessing appropriate supportive housing; and

WHEREAS, an enforcement led response to the existence of encampments on city property does not solve homelessness, nor result in healing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That City staff be directed to host solution-focused planning session(s) made up of representatives from the health sector, housing service providers, organizations that provide frontline support to the unhoused, people with lived

experiences of being unhoused and living in encampments, and other community stakeholders be convened to identify comprehensive, human-rights based, health-focused housing solutions to directly address the needs of those 80 to 140 unhoused residents living encamped in Hamilton;

- (b) That any costs associated in hosting and facilitating the planning session(s) be covered through the existing Housing Services budget; and
- (c) That staff report back the recommendations of these planning session(s) for Council's consideration to the Emergency Community Services Committee.