



City of Hamilton

EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 22-002
Date: February 3, 2022
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall (CC)

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- *5.1. Barbara Wallace, First Unitarian Church of Hamilton, respecting Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters program plan

Recommendation: To be received

- *5.2. Sandy Shaw, MPP Hamilton West - Ancaster - Dundas, respecting project proposed by The Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters

Recommendation: To be received

- *5.3. Bishop Douglas Crosby, Diocese of Hamilton, respecting support of the Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters

Recommendation: To be received

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- *6.4. Bishop Susan Bell, Anglican Diocese of Niagara, respecting support of a proposal to address homelessness in Hamilton - Video Delegation (For today's meeting)

- *6.5. Jennifer Bonner, The Hamilton Hub, respecting support of wrap around supports for the cabin committee (Tiny Homes project) being presented by HCLC and partners (For today's meeting)
- *6.6. Kojo Dampthey, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, respecting support of using part of SJAM property for Hamilton Alliance of Tiny Shelters (HATS) (For today's meeting)
- *6.7. Deirdre Pike, Social Research and Policy Council of Hamilton, respecting Support for proposed response to homelessness (For today's meeting)
- *6.8. Paula Whitlow, Hamilton-Wentworth Chapter Native Women Inc. o/a Native Women's Centre, respecting Support the HATS delegation (For today's meeting)
- *6.9. Gabriel Baribeau, respecting Support for Tiny Homes proposal as an Emergency response needed for unhoused community members (For today's meeting)
- *6.10. Ed Fothergill, Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters, respecting Support for proposal for tiny shelter initiative - Planning Related Matters (For today's meeting)

7. CONSENT ITEMS

- *7.1. Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee Minutes
 - *7.1.a. September 7, 2021
 - *7.1.b. October 5, 2021

13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

- *13.1. Amendments to the Outstanding Business List
 - *13.1.a. Items Considered Completed and to be Removed
 - *13.1.a.a. Encampment Response Update
 - Item on OBL: 21-G
 - Addressed at the December 9, 2021 Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting as Item 5

THE FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF HAMILTON

170 Dundurn Street St. S., Hamilton, ON L8P 4K3
905.527.8441 Fax 905.527.6420

Rev. Jamie Boyce



February 1, 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Board of the First Unitarian Church of Hamilton supports the Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters program plan to create a community of small, heated cabins, as a temporary option to help alleviate the crisis faced by vulnerable members of our community who lack a place to live.

We represent just over 200 members from across the city of Hamilton.

The HATS program was created and is led by a group of professionals with diverse backgrounds from across the city, many of whom our congregation has worked with in the past. The group formed out of concern, which we share, for the growing number of homeless people in our city. The group consists of hard-working, connected and committed volunteers.

The project was inspired by the success of similar programs currently running in Kitchener-Waterloo and London, Ontario.

Our congregation has provided generous support, both volunteers and donations, to a range of worthy causes, including our current work with the Eva Rothwell Centre and Sacajawea Non-Profit Housing, and we are sure our members will step up to support this initiative. A number are currently donating to the Hub and in other ways to support those living on the street.

We understand that HATS plans begin with building six to 12 cabins to provide shelter to six to 12 residents and we expect we can provide various forms of support to help get it launched. Having a sanctioned site would make our current volunteer efforts more efficient, since we could focus our help.

A member of our congregation is among those working to get HATS operating and he and the project have our support. We are available to provide more information if needed.

Your sincerely,

Barbara Wallace, president of the Board,
First Unitarian Church of Hamilton



Sandy Shaw

MPP, HAMILTON WEST-ANCASTER-DUNDAS

Emergency & Community Services Committee
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main St. W. L8P 4Y5

February 2nd 2022

Mayor Eisenberger and Council,

I am writing to offer my enthusiastic support for the project proposed by *The Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters*. We are facing a housing crisis across Ontario. In Hamilton, the number of residents living rough and in encampments continues to grow and service providers are overwhelmed. The cold winter temperatures and the omicron variant have complicated this dangerous situation.

The HATS project offers a safer, more dignified solution with wraparound supports which can be implemented almost immediately. A similar project in Waterloo Region is in its seventh month and is showing early success, meaning there is a local model to learn from. I want to emphasize that this is not the permanent solution we need in order to end houselessness. However, this is a collaborative temporary solution for our communities while we work towards a fully funded housing strategy.

I urge the City of Hamilton to offer the support necessary to move this critical project forward. I commend my colleagues and our compassionate Hamilton community members who are behind this effort and I offer my sincere hope for their success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "sshaw".

Sandy Shaw

MPP Hamilton West—Ancaster—Dundas
Critic, Environment, Conservation and Parks



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

February 2, 2022

Dear Members of the Emergency & Community Services Committee,

I humbly write to you to encourage your support of the *Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters* in their effort to bring simple, modest, yet profound supports to the homeless in our community.

Seeing and fully acknowledging the problem of homelessness itself demands a type of courage. It can be quite easy for each of us to look the other way, to dismiss the suffering we see, to downplay or explain away the problem, or even simply to ignore it altogether. Let us have the courage to look directly at the reality of homelessness – a reality we can see in the faces of the homeless people in our community. While their voices may often be quiet, their lives call out to each of us for help, for care, for love, and - perhaps most of all - for hope.

Taking the concrete step of providing small, temporary shelters for the homeless in our community is one way we can build this hope. The Diocese of Hamilton has been closely involved in a similar project in Kitchener-Waterloo, and in a short time this has made a true impact on the lives of many. These small gestures of hope can truly change lives.

Along with Pope Francis, I believe that, “*we are required to nurture tomorrow’s hope by healing today’s pain.*” I lend my voice in support of this initiative on behalf of the city’s many homeless, who often go unheard. May we all open our hearts to hear their cries for help!

I thank you for your commitment and dedication to our community through your civic service. May God continue to bless your efforts to make this community one of hope, solidarity, and fraternity.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+ Douglas Crosby, OMI

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

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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, January 26, 2022 6:06 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

Submitted on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 - 6:06pm Submitted by anonymous user: 162.158.78.202

Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Bishop Susan Bell

Name of Organization: Anglican Diocese of Niagara

Contact Number: 905-527-1316 ext.310

Email Address: bishop@niagaraanglican.ca

Mailing Address: 252 James Street North, Hamilton, ON L8R 2L3

Reason(s) for delegation request: Respecting support of a proposal to address homelessness in Hamilton.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/573661>

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: Thursday, January 27, 2022 12:22 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

Submitted on Thursday, January 27, 2022 - 12:21am Submitted by anonymous user: 172.70.135.137

Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Jennifer Bonner

Name of Organization: The Hamilton HUB

Contact Number:

Email Address: jen.bonner@thehamiltonhub.org

Mailing Address:

78 Vine

Hamilton, Ontario

L8R 2A9

Reason(s) for delegation request: Speak in support of wrap around supports for the cabin committee (Tiny Homes project) being presented by HCLC and partners

Will you be requesting funds from the City? Yes

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/573696>

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: Saturday, January 29, 2022 3:03 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

Submitted on Saturday, January 29, 2022 - 3:02pm Submitted by anonymous user: 172.70.135.137 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Kojo Dampthey

Name of Organization: Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion

Contact Number:

Email Address: kdampthey@hcci.ca

Mailing Address: 423 King Street East

Reason(s) for delegation request: Delegating in support of using part of SJAM property for Hamilton Alliance of Tiny Shelters (HATS)

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/574336>

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, January 31, 2022 10:27 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

Submitted on Monday, January 31, 2022 - 10:27am Submitted by anonymous user: 172.70.34.144 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Deirdre Pike

Name of Organization: Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton

Contact Number:

Email Address: dpike@sprc.hamilton.on.ca

Mailing Address:

350 King Street E.,

Hamilton, ON L8N 3Y3

Reason(s) for delegation request: Support for proposed response to homelessness

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/574591>

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, February 1, 2022 4:59 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

Submitted on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 - 4:59pm Submitted by anonymous user: 162.158.126.52 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Paula Whitlow

Name of Organization: Hamilton-Wentworth Chapter Native Women Inc. o/a Native Women's Centre

Contact Number:

Email Address: ed@nativewomenscentre.com

Mailing Address:

1900 King St. E

PO Box 69036

Hamilton, ON L8K 3W1

Reason(s) for delegation request: Support the HATS delegation.

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/575116>

Bates, Tamara

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

Submitted on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 - 11:22pm Submitted by anonymous user: 172.69.216.146 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==
Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==
Name of Individual: Gabriel Baribeau
Name of Organization:
Contact Number:
Email Address:
Mailing Address:
Hamilton ON
Reason(s) for delegation request: Support for Tiny Homes proposal as an Emergency response needed for unhoused community members
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/575221>

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, February 2, 2022 8:50 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

Submitted on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 - 8:50am Submitted by anonymous user: 172.70.130.136

Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Ed Fothergill

Name of Organization: HATS (Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters)

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Support for proposal for tiny shelter initiative - Planning Related Matters

Will you be requesting funds from the City? Yes

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/575271>

7.1 (a)



Hamilton

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

6 p.m.

Tuesday September 7, 2021

Virtual WebEx

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Lance Dingman, Michael Slusarenko,
Julia Verbitsky Michael Power, Tom Mobley, Rhonda Mayer
Shaun Jamieson, Mary-Ellen Crechiola

Absent with Regrets: Councillors N. Nann, M. Wilson, C. Collins, Tony Manganiello,
Leisha Dawson, Eileen Campbell, Morgan Stanek, Sandy
Leyland,

Absent: Violetta Nikolskaya

FOR THE INFORMATION OF Th

1. Ceremonial Activities

There were no ceremonial activities

2. Approval of Agenda

(Slusarenko / Crechiola)

That the Agenda of the September 7, 2021 meeting of the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee be approved, as presented

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest.

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**(Slusarenko / Crechiola)**

That the approval of the minutes from the June 5, 2021 meeting be tabled to the October meeting

CARRIED

5. Communications

None

6. Staff Presentations (Item 9)

None

7. Discussion Items (Item 10)**(i) Vote Housing (Item 10.1)**

- Video was shared with the committee from the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness campaign to have a focus on housing.

(ii) All Committees meeting presentation (Item 10.2)

- Reviewed committee mandate related to the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan.
- Membership
- Overview of the work committee has done in the past including areas of consultation
- The new ideas and innovations that have been presented to the committee, including tiny homes, peer to peer supports, and new financial innovations for affordable housing.
- Future work, including educational events and consultations.

(iii) Encampment Protocol (10.3)

- Update to committee on Councils direction regarding the encampment protocol.

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- Update going to Emergency and Community Services committee later in the week, committee members can watch on City's youtube channel.
- Outreach team continues work related to those in encampments.

8. Motions (Item 11)**(i) Committee resignation (Item 11.1)****(Mayer/ Slusarenko)**

That the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee accepts the resignation of Alexandra Djagba Oli.

CARRIED**(ii) Citizens Committee Report (Item 11.2)****(Mayer/ Power)**

Motion to table report

CARRIED**9. General Information / Other Business (Item 13)**

- Transportation working group invite from ACPD

10. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**(Slusarenko /Dingman)**

That, there being no further business, the Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee adjourn at 7:05pm

CARRIED

Next meeting, September 7th, 2021

WebEx

City Hall – Room 264 – 2nd Floor

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Verbitsky

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Chair, Housing and
Homelessness Advisory
Committee

James O'Brien
Senior Project Manager
Housing Services Division

7.1 (b)



Hamilton

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

6 p.m.

Tuesday October 5, 2021

Virtual WebEx

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Violetta Nikolskaya, Morgan Stanek, Lance Dingman, Julia Verbitsky, Michael Power, Tom Mobley, Rhonda Mayer, Shaun Jamieson, Mary-Ellen Crechiola

Absent with Regrets: Michael Slusarenko, Councillors N. Nann, M. Wilson, Tony Manganiello, Leisha Dawson, Eileen Campbell, Sandy Leyland,

Absent:

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

1. Ceremonial Activities

There were no ceremonial activities

2. Approval of Agenda

(Dingman/ Nikolskaya)

That the Agenda of the October 5, 2021 meeting of the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee be approved, as presented

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Interest

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There were no declarations of Interest

**4. Approval of Previous Minutes
(Mobley / Dingman)**

That the Minutes of the June 1, 2021 meeting of the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee be approved as presented

CARRIED

5. Communications

None

6. Staff Presentations (Item 9)

2022 Municipal election presentation (Item 9.1)

- Staff presentation on the 2022 Municipal election
- Focus on how to vote and voting eligibility
- Highlighted how those without a permanent address can vote
- Objectives for 2022 include; Enhancing opportunity, increasing opportunity, addressing public health concerns, strengthening communication
- Discussion around other supports such as literacy and language issues.
- Discussion about election information to be shared with those in hospitals and other health care settings.
- Elections office is working to address challenges with possible line ups

7. Discussion Items (Item 10)

Social determinants of health (Item 10.1)

- Letter was provided to the group
- Overview of content and discussion about data around impacts of Covid 19 and the public health responses
- The committee was interested in seeing more detail around the data points in the report, ex hospitalization rates and comparison to other Provincial/National/International comparisons.
- The committee discussed and EDI lens for reviewing the recovery.
- There has been significant improvement on equitable outcomes around the City, specifically around engagement. But there continues to be challenges around the operationalization of EDI outcomes.

(Mayer/Dingman)

Motion that the letter be received

CARRIED

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8. Motions (Item 11)

9. General Information / Other Business (Item 13)

- Housing program with CMHA is currently accepting referrals
- Inviting the Hub to present at November meeting

10. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Slusarenko /Dingman)

That, there being no further business, the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee adjourn at 7:05pm

CARRIED

Next meeting, November 2nd, 2021

WebEx

City Hall – Room 264 – 2nd Floor

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Verbitsky
Chair, Housing and
Homelessness Advisory
Committee

James O'Brien
Senior Project Manager
Housing Services Division