

FSAC 2012 Presentation

City of Hamilton

Emergency and Community Services Committee

December 10, 2012

Overview

- ◆ Mandate and Membership
- ◆ Action Plan for 2013
- ◆ 2012 Follow Up
- ◆ Engagement Continuum
- ◆ Final Messages

Mandate

- ◆ Identify the urgent needs of citizens for whom barriers exist to obtaining income security, sufficient nutritious food, and access to safe, accessible and affordable shelter, with adequate supports.
- ◆ Provide information regarding urgent community needs and recommendations toward their resolution to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

Mandate

- ◆ Where appropriate, agency members will take immediate and specialized action to address these issues.
- ◆ Provide an opportunity for FSAC members to liaise and collaborate with other levels of government, other committees, citizens, and agencies regarding responses and recommendations for emergency food supports and shelter needs.

Membership

- ◆ 5 citizen representatives
- ◆ Currently have 8 service sector representatives
- ◆ 4 Committee resource partners (ex-officio members)
- ◆ Committee supported by City of Hamilton, Housing Services Division staff
- ◆ Annual election of Chair (currently Alex Ramirez) and Vice Chair (currently Medora Uppal)
- ◆ The membership of FSAC represents a complex and far-reaching network of organizations and citizens

Action Plan 2013

Broadening Direct Engagement with Hamilton Community

- ◆ Fulfilling Strategy 5.9 from the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan ... ‘Robust Citizenship Engagement’
- ◆ Developing mechanisms to engage citizens in the work of the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee

Action Plan 2013

Enhance Communication & Working Relationship with Housing Services Division & Community Services Department

- ◆ Strengthen the communication and collaboration back and forth between the City of Hamilton (Housing Services Staff and Council) and FSAC
- ◆ FSAC Committee to stay connected to the Housing Homelessness Action Plan
- ◆ Request more staff (and council member[s]) presence at FSAC meetings

2012 Follow Up

- ◆ Letters to Premiere and Prime Minister
 - ◆ Received responses with suggestion to follow up with John Milloy (Provincial Minister of Community and Social Services)
- ◆ We commend your decision to stabilize programs for low-income people in our community and your commitment to ongoing advocacy to ensure that Hamilton continues to be *the best place to raise a child*

Final Messages

1. Any destabilization of the social safety net threatens the integrity of the entire system
2. We encourage City Council to maintain their robust leadership as Hamilton's advocates with the Province in addressing the recent funding cuts and Food and Shelter will use our resources, knowledge and networks to support you in that leadership