



Hamilton

Notes (Quorum was not met)

FOOD & SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Thursday, May 23, 2014 - 2:00 p.m.,
City of Hamilton – City Hall, Room 222
71 Main St. W., Hamilton**

Present: Chair: Medora Uppal
Members: Councillor Sam Merulla, Scott Jones, Larry Huibers, Denise Arkell, and Don Jaffray

Absent with

Regrets: Carol Cowen, Katherine Kalinowski, Loretta Hill Finamore, Laura Workman, and Karen Efron

Also Present: Jennie Vengris, Senior Policy Analyst and Michele Attard (minute taker), Program Secretary/Housing Services Division; Amanda DiFalco, Manager Homelessness Policy & Programs and Claire Lechner, Manager Chronic Disease Prevention,

Guests: Dave Brodati, Manager, Investment in Affordable Housing and Jen Recine, Communications Officer; Community and Emergency Services Department.

1. WELCOME

Medora welcomed everyone to the meeting informing members that guests will be arriving at 3:30 to discuss the Government Relations Strategy.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Declarations of Conflict of Interest)

None

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Approval of minutes for April 23, 2014; deferred.

5. BUSINESSBUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 2010 – 2014 Evaluation follow-up

Jennie informed members that she submitted the 2010 – 2014 Evaluation to Clerks office by the scheduled date.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 2014 Municipal Election

Municipal Election – Candidate questions:

- Questions for advisory committee, the community, any other new working groups
- Councillor Merulla reviewed the questions and thought that they were well done
- It was suggested that these questions be sent to other levels of government via email and Canada post (mark private and confidential).
- Provide fact sheet with questions
- It was suggested that the committee design a branding for their committee logo.

6.2 City of Hamilton Budget Review

- Don mentioned that he had reviewed the City Budget but was not sure how the Capital expenditures fit into the 10 year Action Plan and would need some clarification on this.
- Councilor Merulla mentioned that there could be a possibility of Mike Zegarac, GM of Finance Dept. could come give a presentation to the committee to help to understand the budget.
- Members felt there was a need to advocate to upper levels of government to support more affordable housing in Hamilton, which aligns with the 10 year Action Plan

6.3 September Milestones Presentation

7 GUESTS: - Dave Brodati and Jen Recine

- Dave gave an overview of the 10 year Action Plan and distributed copies of the “Everyone has a home....Home is the foundation” report which is a summary of the Action Plan.
- Dave mentioned that there is a report going to Council in June regarding the strategies for the plan moving forward

8 UPDATES FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

9 NEXT MEETING

The next meetings is June 12th and September 11th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
(location to be determined)

- 10 ADJOURNMENT**
Meeting adjourned at