



# Hamilton

**Notes (Quorum was not met)**

**FOOD & SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Thursday, May 14, 2015 - 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
City of Hamilton – City Hall, Room 222  
71 Main St. W., Hamilton**

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**Present:** Chair: Medora Uppal  
Members: Denise Arkell, Katherine Kalinowski

**Absent with**

**Regrets:** Carol Cowen, Loretta Hill Finamore, Larry Huibers, Don Jaffray

**Also Present:** Nadia Zelisko, Senior Policy Analyst, Homelessness Policy & Programs

**1. WELCOME**

Medora welcomed those present to the meeting.

**2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

The Province of Ontario's Local Poverty Reduction Fund was added for discussion.

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

None

**4. REVIEW OF NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Notes for March 12, 2015 reviewed, list of members present at that meeting was corrected.

**5. BUSINESSBUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

**6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **6.1 Changes in the Housing Stability and Utility Arrears Benefits**

Item not discussed

### **6.2 20,000 Homes Update**

Nadia provided an overview of results of the 20,000 Homes Campaign Registry Week. Over 470 people experiencing homelessness were surveyed by more than 150 volunteers over the five shifts on April 26 & 27. Feedback from volunteers, respondents and partners has been largely positive. The City will review the volunteer evaluation forms and survey team debrief forms which provide further information on what worked and what can be improved for the future. Nadia shared the infographic which summarizes the results of the Registry Week findings.

### **6.3 Funding Gaps as a result of HPS / CHPI Changes**

Members discussed the benefit of documenting the impact of the funding gaps as a result of the recent HPS and CHPI funding allocations and the particular issues of importance: impact on services/clients and mitigation strategy. Nadia agreed to draft an email to be shared with the affected organizations on behalf of the Committee, to request input by June 5.

### **6.4 Province of Ontario's Local Poverty Reduction Fund**

Members present recommended that the City of Hamilton facilitate a coordinated strategy for applications to the Province's Local Poverty Reduction Fund, to support alignment with the 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan. Nadia will bring this recommendation forward to Housing Services Division.

## **7. NEXT MEETINGS**

Both the Chair and Vice Chair have a conflict for the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 11. Nadia will poll Committee members to determine a suitable alternative and will update the Committee accordingly.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:35