

CITY OF HAMILTON

2016

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

BUDGET SUBMISSION

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HHAC)

PART A: General Information

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Committee member selection has not been determined at this time. The Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee (HHAC) is a new committee and will be comprised of 12-15 Council appointed volunteer citizens with experience or strong interest in homelessness prevention and the provision of affordable housing. Citizens with backgrounds or experiences that reflect a unique or relevant perspective to any aspect of the homelessness and housing continuum are encouraged to apply for membership. Two (2) members of City Council will be appointed as representatives to the HHAC.

MANDATE:

Communicate and work to address the needs of citizens within the community for whom barriers exist to accessing safe, suitable, and affordable housing, including the supports needed to enable citizens to obtain and retain their homes, and;

Support the City of Hamilton's 10-year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan by providing information, advice, and recommendations to the Emergency & Community Services Committee regarding the Action Plan's successful and meaningful implementation.

PART B: Strategic Planning

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

The following objectives have been established for the HHAC to facilitate its efforts in achieving the mandate.

1. Assist with the coordination and implementation of Council approved recommendations, including the City of Hamilton's 10-year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan.
2. Ensure that recommendations regarding issues relating to people who are experiencing homelessness or who may be at risk of becoming homeless are brought forward to Council in a timely manner.
3. Devise and recommend to Council innovative and preventative measures to assist in addressing homelessness within the community;
4. Identify emerging trends, potential gaps and best practices in emergency shelter needs.

5. Provide Council and staff with information, advice, and recommendations about residential landlord and tenant issues and policies that would improve the overall well-being of tenants in Hamilton and support landlords in the provision of safe, quality, and affordable rental units.
6. Identify housing-related supports available in the community and facilitate relationship-building between community partners, citizens and government to ensure that people have the individualized supports needed to help them obtain and retain housing.
7. Regularly update Council about homelessness and affordable housing issues through the discussion and analysis that takes place at HHAC.
8. Respond to requests and direction from staff and Council.
9. Collaborate and cooperate with other City of Hamilton committees and community groups doing work around issues that impact homelessness and affordable housing to stay apprised of relevant initiatives and contribute information and advice as needed.

ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE GOALS:

Please check off which Council approved Strategic Commitments your Volunteer Committee supports			
1) A City of Growth and Opportunity		4) A City Where People Come First	x
2) A Great City in Which to Live	x	5) A City that Spends Wisely and Invests Strategically	
3) A Healthy, Safe and Green City	x	6) A City of Choice for High Performance Public Servants	

PART C: Budget Request

INCIDENTAL COSTS:

Meeting costs– meeting room, refreshments, photocopying, printing, parking, transportation	\$1,000.00
SUB TOTAL	\$1,000.00

Funding from Volunteer Committee Reserve (only available to Volunteer Committees with reserve balances)	\$0
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TOTAL 2016 BUDGET REQUEST (net of reserve funding)	\$1,000.00
PREVIOUS YEAR (2015) APPROVED BUDGET	\$N/A