

CITY OF HAMILTON  
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Emergency & Community Services: August 10, 2016

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WHITEHEAD.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR .....

Residential Care Facilities Subsidy Program

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario's Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy Update identifies a number of strategies to improve access to and the quality of supported housing; and

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has identified Housing with Related Supports as a program area that can be funded by the City of Hamilton under the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton currently has service agreements with 53 Residential Care Facilities (RCF), also known as Domiciliary Hostels, that provide housing and support to more than 740 residents; and

WHEREAS, the needs of subsidized RCF residents have changed over time as have the service systems intended to support them; and

WHEREAS, subsidized RCF operators have indicated an interest in having the RCF Subsidy program and its name better reflect the realities of serving clients today;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to conduct a review of the current housing with related supports subsidy program to include: an assessment of the current residents and their support needs, an inventory of other housing with support programs in the community, a recommendation of what populations the program should serve, a review of best practices on the provision of housing with supports for those populations, a program model to best serve those populations, a review of current physical infrastructure, identify the gaps between the current system and the proposed model, with a plan to end the wait list by the end of this year and report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee with a transition plan.