



Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee

5:30 pm

Monday, September 26th, 2016

Meeting room 192 and 193

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Eileen Campbell, Connie Bellamy, Tyson Benn, Marie Raftis, Elske de Visch Eybergen, Julia Verbitsky, Katrina Gervais, Michael Slusarenko, Thomas Mobley, Sandy Leyland, Lance Dingman, Mubashera Laeeq Ansari, Councilor Arlene VanderBeek

Absent with Regrets: Lisa Chung, Kelly Coxson, Trevor Jaundoo

Also Present:

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

- (i)** Removal of item 3 – Equity and Inclusion Policy/AODA Customer Service Standards
- (ii)** Addition of 2017 budget request

(Leyland/Dingman)

That the Agenda for the Sept 26/16 Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee be approved with the following changes;

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

None

(d) Committee positions – Election

(i) Election of Chair

(Leyland/Mobley)

Carried

That Julia Verbitsky be elected as Chair of the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee

(ii) Election of Vice Chair

(Campbell/Raftis)

Carried

That Katrina Gervais be elected as Vice Chair of the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee

(iii) Election of Secretary

(Gervais/Mobley)

Carried

That Eileen Campbell be elected as Secretary of the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee

(e) PRESENTATIONS (item 7)

(i) 10 year housing and Homelessness Action Plan (Item 7.1)

An overview of the 10 year housing and homelessness action plan – *Everyone has a home...home is the foundation* was presented to the Committee by James O'Brien, Senior Project Manager Housing and Homelessness, City of Hamilton.

The presentation focused on the 5 outcomes of the plan and the multiple strategies and targets associated with each outcome.

The committee members had several questions about the presentation including the progress of the targets associated with bedbugs.

(VanderBeek/Leyland)

Carried

Motion: Be it resolved that Public Health Services and/or other City Staff, service providers come to the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee to do a presentation on the City of Hamilton's success to date with combating bedbugs, costs involved and supports available to residents.

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (item 8)

(i) 2017 Budget request (item 8.1)

Discussion on 2017 budget proposal. 2016 budget for the committee was approved at \$1000. The focus of this budget is for meeting expenses, refreshments, printing, parking and any transportation members may require for support. Discussion around asking for an enhancement to the budget as it could relate to special expenditures (housing tour or special event). The group decided if there was a need for a specific budget asks that it could be made in a motion to Emergency and Community Services Committee at a future meeting.

(Leyland/Slusarenko)

Carried

Motion: Be it resolved that the 2017 budget request for the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee be \$1000 for meeting expenses, refreshments, printing, parking and any transportation members may require for support.

(ii) Next meetings – Bus tour (item 8.2)

(Gervais/de Visch Eybergen)

Carried

Next meeting will be a bus tour, the group will vote through an online poll and the date with greatest availability will be chosen for the next meeting. Last meeting of 2016 will be Nov 1st 6pm-8pm.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (item 9)

That, there being no further business, the Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee adjourn at 8:00pm

(de Visch Eybergen/Slusarenko)

CARRIED

Next meeting Oct 20th and Nov 1st

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Verbitsky
Chair, Housing and
Homelessness Advisory
Committee

James O'Brien
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