



Hamilton

## **Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee Minutes**

**6pm**

**Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

**Meeting room 264**

**Hamilton City Hall**

**71 Main Street West, Hamilton**

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**Present:** Julia Verbitsky (Chair), Connie Bellamy, Marie Raftis, Michael Slusarenko, Thomas Mobley, Sandy Leyland, Lance Dingman, Trevor Jaundoo, Lisa Chung,

**Absent with Regrets:** Councillor Arlene VanderBeek, Councillor Matthew Green, Councillor Chad Collins, Eileen Campbell, Tyson Benn, Elske de Visch Eybergen, Katrina Gervais (Vice-Chair), Mubashera Laeeq Ansari

**Also Present:**

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### **FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:**

#### **(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

None

##### **(Raftis/Leyland)**

That the Agenda for the Nov 1/16 Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee be approved as distributed.

**CARRIED**

#### **(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

None.

**(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)**

**(Raftis/Dingman)**

Minutes from the Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee be approved as distributed.

**CARRIED**

**(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 4)**

None

**(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 5)**

**(i) Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee 2017 Work Plan (Item 5.1)**

Discussion of meeting times and frequency agreed the first Tuesday of the month from 6pm-8pm, excluding April, July, August and December.

Discussion about major topics the committee would like to see presentations on in 2017. The group discussed aspects of the action plan and where they required more information and could see opportunities for increased discussion.

Main areas were:

- Bed bugs:
  - Costs of the program and other supports
- Incentives
  - Incentive packages and inclusionary zoning
- Development
  - Market rate development (#s) vs affordable housing developments
  - Vacant lands policy for affordable housing developments
  - Interest rates, CMHC, how these impact affordable housing developments.
  - Equity and debt financing for development
- Social Housing vacant units
  - how many, information on service providers asset management plans
- Social Housing Waitlist
  - Picture of whose on the waitlist (demographic info, families, singles, children etc.)

- RCF's
  - RCF's, private vs non profit operations
- Supports for tenants dealing with Landlords
- Information on the Point in time count
  - Shelter system, housing first programs and other supports
  - Womens Shelter system
  - Education and Outreach, how are people being transitioned to homes
- Living wage and guaranteed minimum income supports (general financial supports) helping break the cycle of poverty
- Social housing agreements/various forms of social housing operating agreements
- Secondary suites – planning issues, illegal units, legalization, current rent estimates, impact on affordable housing
- West Harbour and affordable housing
- Budget \$'s, funding for housing, Federal/Provincial/Municipal operation and Capital investments

Presentations will be coordinated by the staff liaison. The opportunity to add new topics to the list and have the new topic take remains at the committees discretion.

**(Leyland/Slusarenko)**

That the 2017 Meeting calendar for the Housing and Homeless Advisory Committee be January 3<sup>rd</sup>, February 7<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, September 5<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**CARRIED**

**(Leyland /Jaundoo)**

That 15 copies of the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan be printed for the committee.

**CARRIED**

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**(ii) Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee 2017 budget request (item 5.2)**

Approval of 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. 2017 budget request to Emergency and Community Services Committee will be \$1000.

**(Slusarenko/Leyland)**

That the 2017 budget submission as presented for the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee for \$1000 for meeting expenses, refreshments, printing, parking and any transportation members may require be approved and referred to Emergency and Community Services Committee.

**CARRIED**

**(f) ADJOURNMENT(Item 9)**

**(Slusarenko/Leyland)**

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

**CARRIED**

Next meeting January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Housing and  
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Committee

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