



Hamilton

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

**6pm**

**Tuesday May 1, 2018**

**Meeting room 264**

**Hamilton City Hall**

**71 Main Street West, Hamilton**

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**Present:** Marie Raftis, Julia Verbitsky, Eileen Campbell, Sandy Leyland, Lance Dingman, Stephanie Greenaway, Councillor Collins, Thomas Mobley, Obaid Shah, Michael Slusarenko;

**Absent with Regrets:** Elske de Visch Eybergen, Chelsea MacDonald, Councillor VanderBeek, Trevor Jaundoo Yim Chung, Councillor Green

**Also Present:** Kirstin Maxwell

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

#### **1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

No changes to the agenda

**CARRIED**

**(Raftis / Greenaway)**

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)**

3.1 Minutes from March 6 – approved with change to next meeting date from May 8 to May 1

**CARRIED**

**(Raftis / Shah)**

#### **4. Presentations**

##### **4.1 Action Plan review presentation including overviews of:**

- Housing services
  - Main areas of service are Housing Service System Management, and Housing supports.
  - Housing Services is the Service Manager which is a provincially mandated role.
  - Acts as the community entity for Federal homelessness funding
  - Work includes the oversight of 13,800 units
  - Over 6,000 households currently on the Access to Housing wait list
- Long term affordable housing strategy
  - Goals:
    - An appropriate and sustainable supply of housing
    - An equitable, portable system of financial assistance
    - People-centred, efficient housing programs
    - Developing an Indigenous Housing Strategy
    - Ending Homelessness
    - Achieving an evidence informed system
  - Fair housing plan, areas of focus:
    - Addressing housing demand
    - Increasing housing supply
    - Protecting real estate consumers
    - Working with municipalities
    - Ensuring fairness and safety
- Provincial direction of the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan reviews
  - Accountability and outcomes
  - Goal of ending homelessness
  - Coordination with other community services
  - Indigenous Peoples
  - A broad range of community needs
  - Non-Profit housing corporations and non-profit housing cooperatives
  - The Private Housing market
  - Climate Change and environmental sustainability
- National Housing Strategy
  - Housing rights are human rights
  - National housing co-investment fund
  - Maintaining a resilient community housing sector

- New Canada housing benefit
- Making homelessness history
- Nothing about us, without us

Presentations to be provided after the meeting.

**(Leyland /Raftis)**

Motion: presentation to be received.

**CARRIED**

**5. Discussion Items**

**5.1 Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee work plan – Working Group**

**5. Motions**

That the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee accept the resignation of Tyson Benn, and that he be removed as a member of the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee.

**(Greenway/Mobley)**

**7. Notice of Motions**

**8. General Information / Other Business**

**8.1 Roundtable updates**

- Point in time Connection event was a successful event, everyone is invited to the community debrief on Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> 1pm-3pm in Council Chambers.
- The City is launching the down payment assistance program on Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Information was emailed out to the committee.
- Hamilton is hosting the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness Conference in November.

**CARRIED**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**CARRIED**

**(Mobley/Leyland)**

Next meeting June 4, 2018  
City Hall – Room 264 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Respectfully submitted,  
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