



Hamilton

**Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee
Minutes**

6pm

Tuesday January 7, 2020

71 Main Street West, Hamilton

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Present: Tom Mobley, Alexandra Djagba Oli, Tony Manganiello, Violetta Nikolskaya, Rhonda Mayer, Mary-Ellen Crechiola, Michael Slusarenko, Michael Power, Morgan Stanek, Sandy Leyland, Shaun Jamieson, Lance Dingman

Absent with Regrets: Cllr Collins, Cllr Nann, Cllr Wilson, Julia Verbitsky, Leisha Dawson

Absent:

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes the agenda

(Mobley / Dingman)

CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 November 5th, 2019

Approved as amended
(Leyland / Mobley)

CARRIED

4. Presentations

5. Discussion Items

5.1 Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness Conference information sharing

- Sessions highlighting the opioid crisis were very informative and relevant
- Key message was the importance of housing with supports
- Group discussions took place with survivors of homelessness
- Key note speakers are available online, key topics were; barriers with classifying homeless as cause of death, so underreporting of true cost of homelessness, innovative housing projects and funding models.
- Additional materials to be shared by those who attended the conference with the committee
- Next conference Toronto 2020

5.2 National Housing Day 2019 report

- 2019 event focused on the good work being done on the front lines by those serving people experiencing homelessness or living in affordable housing.
- Over 200 people attended the event.
- Panel discussion celebrated stories of success.
- There was some concern about good news themes of the event could overshadow the challenges still being experienced by many.
- New format received positive feedback.

5.3 Emerging Housing Trends/Issues for 2020

- Evictions under N-5's and how this impacts new provincial regulations
- Some landlords feel pressured to become social workers, and this is causing fatigue among landlords in supportive housing
- How tiny homes, and secondary suites can create affordable housing supply
- An increase in volume with the number of people being discharged from institutions to homelessness
- Discussion around renovations and how often they are occurring
- Pro's and con's of rent control were discussed by the group

5.4 2020 topics for HHAC

- Secondary Suites policies
- Changing Provincial Regulations around social housing
- Presentation from the Hospital Shelter working group

- Bed bug assistance program
- Supply side policies to create more affordable housing
- Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council presentation and overview of environmental scan

5.5 HHAC Working Group (tabled)

6. Motions

7. Notice of Motions

8. New Business General Information / Business

- 8.1 Correspondence from Dina Honig, Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council (HIPC), respecting a request for study/research ideas for HIPC's Research and Evaluation Committee be received

Received
(Djagba Oli /Mayer)

Committee recommends inviting HIPC to present at the HHAC.

9. ADJOURNMENT

That, there being no further business, the Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee adjourn at 8:00
(Leyland / Power)

CARRIED

Next meeting, Feb 4th, 2020
City Hall – Room 264 – 2nd Floor

Respectfully submitted,
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Committee

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