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
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 renovictions 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

CARRIED

(Leyland / Power)

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

Respectfully submitted,
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