



Hamilton

Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee Minutes

**6pm
Tuesday February 4, 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, Leisha Dawson. Michael Power, Morgan Stanek, Cllr Collins, Julia Verbitsky, Eileen Campbell, Lance Dingman

Absent with Regrets: Sandy Leyland, Cllr Nann, Cllr Wilson, Shaun Jamieson,

Absent:

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes the agenda

(Mayer/Dingman)

CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1. January 6, 2020

Approved as amended
(Djagba Oli / Manganiello)

CARRIED

4. Presentations

4.1. Beg Bug Assistance Program

The Bed Bug program is ending, it was originally funded for a 3 year project with a focus on several priority areas that were shaped by several community-wide processes through consultation and evaluation. The program was extended by about a year (within the same initial funding) with the focus in the last year remaining on direct assistance for vulnerable residents and training of landlords / front-line building staff on best practices for property managers about bed bugs.

The priority areas of the initial strategy included:

- Direct Assistance for vulnerable residents;
- Workplace training and policy;
- Public education and prevention;
- Integrated Pest Management;
- Advocacy

The City and partners have made great strides in all of these areas, and believe the dialogue has changed among housing providers from blaming residents and being often unwilling to provide pest control assistance for bed bugs, to recognizing their obligations and having access to effective treatment methods that we've demonstrated to be effective.

(Slusarenko / Dingman)

Presentation accepted

CARRIED

5. Discussion Items

5.1. VanCity Community Investment Bank

- Is a values-driven bank on a mission to finance a sustainable tomorrow.
- They were born from the community-first finance model sharpened over seventy years by Vancity, a financial co-operative with over half a million members.
- VanCity brings a deep knowledge of social purpose real estate and experience working with “socially focused” organizations
- VanCity is a subject matter expertise in clean energy

- And they are the only Canadian bank exclusively focused on partnerships with organizations that drive social, economic and environmental change.
- VanCity's focus is on:
 - Affordable housing
 - Co-operative housing
 - Co-working spaces
 - Heritage buildings
 - Green eco-efficiency buildings
 - Buildings for social enterprise and not-for-profit organizations
- VanCity has an example of a project currently supporting:
 - \$11,500,000 commercial mortgage financing provided by VCIB secured by a 6 home (each with 7 bedrooms) condo-like transitional rehabilitation complex (total of 42-bedroom) located at 8 Columbus Gate, Stoney Creek, Ontario
 - Property is a newly built transitional rehabilitation complex where individuals with acquired brain injuries (ABI) and stroke will live for a period of time, while they redesign their lives with long-term goals of transitioning to into less dependence, making their lives better and effectively saving a lifetime of care costs.

(Dawson/ Slusarenko)

Presentation accepted

CARRIED

6. Motions

Motion to strike a Working Group to host an event to show the move PUSH -

Working Group Members: Lisha / Tom / Rhonda / Michael

(Slusarenko / Dingman)

CARRIED

7. Notice of Motions

8. New Business General Information / Business

- Lisha sent out a link to video - PUSH
- The Committee wants to create a working group to show the movie, possibly at a City venue
- Event could include panel discussion potential. Need to find a viewing location and if there is a license requirement.

- Staff presentation on secondary suites at the March meeting

- Waiting to hear back from Province on revised Action Plan

- Two trends from landlords and information from the Community:
 - Seniors housing - growing concerns - landlords can't support seniors (medical) and seniors are living in units too big but can't afford to move

 - City is experiencing non-movement due to high rents and supply constraints -

9. ADJOURNMENT

That, there being no further business, the Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee adjourn at 7:50
(Mayer/Dingman)

CARRIED

Next meeting, March 2, 2020
City Hall – Room 264 – 2nd Floor

Respectfully submitted,
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