



Hamilton

Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee Minutes

**6pm
Tuesday January 5, 2021**

**Virtual WebEx
71 Main Street West, Hamilton**

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- Present:** Mary-Ellen Crechiola, Sandy Leyland, Rhonda Mayer, Michael Power, Julia Verbitsky, Eileen Campbell, Lance Dingman, Tom Mobley, Michael Slusarenko, Morgan Stanek, Shaun Jamieson
- Absent with Regrets:** Councillors N. Nann, M. Wilson, C. Collins, Tony Manganiello, Leisha Dawson
- Absent:** Alexandra Djagba Oli, Violetta Nikolskaya
- Guests:** Graham Cubitt, Melanie McAulay, Kirstin Maxwell
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FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

1. Ceremonial Activities

There were no ceremonial activities

2. Approval of Agenda

Staff advised that the Item respecting encampments has been removed as there was no update at this time. This verbal update did not occur as the presenter had an unexpected conflict.

CARRIED

(Campbell/ Slusarenko)

That the agenda be accepted as amended.

3. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest.

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

(i) November Minutes (Item 4.1)

(Crechiola / Mayer)

That the minutes be accepted as presented

CARRIED

5. Communications

(i) Letter From Clerks (Item 5.1)

(Dingman/ Slusarenko)

That the letter be received

CARRIED

5. Staff Presentations (Item 9)

(i) Rapid Housing Initiative Update (Item 9.2)

- The City continues to invest and take steps to address the emergency needs in the community, and balance longer term permanent solutions to our housing pressures. Hamilton will receive \$10.8 million as part of the Rapid Housing Initiative. This funding is intended to help municipalities and turn existing buildings, land and modular housing into supportive and affordable homes.
- 137 George Street will provide permanent housing with supports for 15 women at risk of homelessness in two and 3-bedroom apartments in a low-rise, new modular building.

- 180 Ottawa Street North will convert an existing commercial property into 12 bachelor units for Indigenous women experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.
- 195 Ferguson Avenue North will convert office space inside the existing Wesley Community Homes building into one-bedroom apartment units for 11 individuals experiencing homelessness as well as one two-bedroom unit for a superintendent.
- 350 King Street East will convert unused ground-floor commercial space in an existing social housing seniors building to an additional 15 one-bedroom units for seniors.
- These RHI accelerated projects in Hamilton will house 53 tenants from Hamilton's Access to Housing Waitlist and By-Name Priority List and will be move-in ready in the next 12 months.
- For various projects work has been done to focus on accessibility, energy efficiency, and to preserve historic features in the community.
- Affordability definition for this funding stream is 30% of tenant income.

(Slusarenko /Dingman)

**That the Presentation respecting the Rapid Housing Initiative Update, be received
CARRIED**

6. Discussion Items (Item 10)

(i) Building new affordable housing and fees (Item 10.1)

- Discussion around understanding what fees the City collects, and what the fees are used for.
- Understanding that some fees go to broad City infrastructure needs.

(Power/ Mayer)

That discussion respecting Building New Affordable Housing and Fees, be received
CARRIED

7. Motions (Item 11)

(Power/ Mayer)

That the City ask the Province of Ontario to change legislation to allow municipalities to pay for relevant fees associated with Affordable Housing through existing City funds.

CARRIED

8. General Information / Other Business (Item 13)

(i) Request to review the status of all members, and review attendance of past meetings.

The Advisory Committee asked Staff to provide a brief review of attendance for the next meeting

(ii) Discussion around ability to have lockers for personal belongs in shelter for clients.

Members raised this as an idea to provide an added support for those accessing the shelters.

Other members shared that this would be challenging for the agencies probably as it could great both a security challenge and it would be a challenge if people leave items in the lockers for extended period of times without coming back for them.

9. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

Mobley/ Campbell)

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

Next meeting, February 2, 2021

WebEx

City Hall – Room 264 – 2nd Floor

Respectfully submitted,
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