



Hamilton

**Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee
Minutes**

**6pm
Tuesday Sept 1 2020**

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

James O'Brien, Senior Project Manager Housing & Homelessness
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Present: Tom Mobley, Alexandra Djagba Oli, Tony Manganiello, Violetta Nikolskaya, Rhonda Mayer, Leisha Dawson. Michael Power, Morgan Stanek, , Julia Verbitsky, Eileen Campbell, Lance Dingman, Sandy Leyland, Shawn Jamieson

Absent with Regrets: Sandy Leyland, Cllr Nann, Cllr Wilson, Clr Collins, Shaun Jamieson, Mary-Ellen Crechiola, Michael Slusarenko

Absent:

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes the agenda

(Mobley / Leyland)

CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.1. February 4, 2020 deferred to next meeting

4. Presentations

Housing Services Covid 19 response:

- Testing and isolation space
 - Shelter Health Network provided rapid testing
 - Shelters & Drop-in Centres provided isolation spaces pending results
 - Bennetto Recreation Centre set up as Isolation Centre
 - 3 Townhomes loaned by CHH
 - Staffed by re-deployed City employees
 - Transportation provided by DARTS

- Providing appropriate space
 - Reduced capacity of men's shelters
 - First Ontario Centre as a men's shelter (Good Shepherd)
 - Hotel rooms for families, couples & singles
 - Staffed Good Shepherd, Mission Services, redeployed City staff and other agencies
 - Stayed housing focused -200 people with Canada Ontario Housing Benefit

- Serving those who are unsheltered
 - Extended hours at drop-ins (Carol-Ann's Place, Willow's Place, Living Rock and Wesley)
 - Additional outreach staff
 - Encouraging development of additional drop-ins (Christ's Church Cathedral, New Vision, St. Patrick's Church)
 - Connections to Intensive Case Management Supports and housing

- Supporting agencies
 - Regular coordination calls
 - Call for Applications (provincial funding)
 - Coordinating PPE
 - Cleaning funding to Social Housing providers

Presentation accepted

(Leyland/ Nikolskaya)

CARRIED

Housing and Homelessness Action Plan:

Presentation on the revised Action Plan that was endorsed by City Council.

Outcome 1:

- Increase the number of new and legalized existing secondary rental units by 25% per year
- Maintain the number of new affordable rental units created per \$100,000 municipal contribution
- Increase the number of new affordable ownership units by 5% annually

Outcome 2:

- 100% of households (25% annually) on the Access to Housing waitlist are assessed to determine the opportunities for meeting their housing needs through alternative housing options by 2023
- Increase the overall number of rent supplements and housing allowances by 400 by 2023
- Increase the number of new affordable rental units built outside of the downtown by 25% annually
- Maintain the ratio of rental units suitable for larger households to all rental units until 2023

Outcome 3:

- End chronic homelessness by 2025
- Reduce homelessness by 5% overall annually
- Reduce new inflow into homelessness by 10% annually
- Less than 15% of individuals or households return to homelessness each year

Outcome 4

- Ensure all outstanding critical repairs in Hamilton's community housing stock are complete by 2023
- Reduce the greenhouse gas emissions of existing community housing portfolios by 850,000 kgs annually by 2023
- Preserve or rehabilitate 5,000 residential units by 2023
- All medium and large government funded and private landlords adhere to a current integrated pest management strategy by 2023

- Reduce paramedic/fire/police calls to community housing projects by 10% annually

Outcome 5

- Housing Services Division staff receive education on the history of Indigenous peoples in Canada by the end of 2020, prior to the City deadline, and all new staff receive the education within 100 days of the start of work
- 100% of community housing provider staff receive education on the history of Indigenous peoples in Canada by 2023, and all new staff receive the education within 100 days of the start of work
- 100% of Housing Services Division staff are trained within 6 months of the adoption of a City of Hamilton Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Framework, and all new staff receive the training within 100 days of the start of work
- Completion of an equity, diversity, and inclusion audit of all Housing Services Division processes and programs by 2023
- 250 private landlords attend education sessions on tenant and landlord rights, responsibilities, and best practices

(Leyland / Mobley) Presentation accepted

CARRIED

5. Discussion Items.

6. Motions

7. Notice of Motions

8. New Business General Information / Business

9. ADJOURNMENT

That, there being no further business, the Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee adjourn at 8:00

(Mobley / Nikolskaya)

CARRIED

Next meeting, Oct 6th, 2020
Webex

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Respectfully submitted,
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Chair, Housing and Homeless-
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