



**EXPANDING HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR
WOMEN, NON-BINARY, AND TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY
SUB-COMMITTEE
REPORT 21-001**

2:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 18, 2021
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Present:

Voting: Councillors N. Nann (Chair), C. Collins, J. Farr, and M. Wilson
S. Badri, R. Bouwman, M. Uppal, M. Vaccaro, and P. Whitlow

Non-Voting: R. Mastroianni and N. Zelisko

Also Present: E. John, Director of Housing Services

Regrets: C. Kirkby

**THE EXPANDING HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR WOMEN, NON-BINARY
AND TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 21-001
AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

1. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR (Item 1)

That Rachel Bouwman be appointed Vice-Chair of the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women and Transgender Community Sub-Committee for the remainder of the 2018-2022 term.

**2. WINTER 2020 HOUSING AND EMERGENCY SHELTER SUPPORTS
(HSC21007) (CITY WIDE) (Item 7.1)**

(a) That Report HSC21007, respecting Winter 2020 Housing and Emergency Shelter Supports (City Wide), be received; and

- (b) That staff contact the Native Women's Centre to explore and address the funding gap resulting in the loss of 15 shelter beds at the Native Women's Centre.

3. CANADA ONTARIO HOUSING BENEFIT (Added Item 13.2)

That the Council write to the Provincial and Federal Governments to advocate for an increase to the Canada Ontario Housing Benefit.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

The Committee Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

The agenda for the March 18, 2021 Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women, Non-Binary, and Transgender Community Sub-Committee meeting was approved, as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

(i) December 4, 2020 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the December 4, 2020 meeting of the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women, Non-Binary, and Transgender Community Sub-Committee, were approved, as presented.

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Correspondence from Jennifer Hompoth, respecting the need for targeted housing for women, non-binary and transgender people (Item 5.1)

The correspondence from Jennifer Hompoth, respecting the need for targeted housing for women, non-binary and transgender people, was received.

(e) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(i) Housing Needs Assessment (Added Item 13.1)

Staff was directed to review existing research and data on housing supports for the LGBTQ+ Community, including research and data from the Community University Policy Alliance on Gender Based Homelessness at McMaster University, and report back to the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women, Non-Binary, and Transgender Community Sub-Committee with a needs assessment for housing and emergency shelter supports for women, non-binary and transgender community; and recommendations on policies, procedures, and actions that can be taken by the City of Hamilton.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women, Non-Binary, and Transgender Community Sub-Committee was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Nrinder Nann
Chair, Expanding Housing and Support
Services for Women, Non-Binary and
Transgender Community Sub-Committee

Tamara Bates
Legislative Coordinator
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