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### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes**

March 16, 2021

Virtual WebEx Meeting

10:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Those in Attendance: James Kemp, Jayne Cardno, Robert Semkow, Paula Kilburn, Tom Manzuk, Lance Dingman

Also Present: Taline Morris

Those Absent: Sophie Geffros, Mary Sinclair (on leave)

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting notes.
4. Schedule 20 Part 3: We just completed the review of the Schedule 20. The Chair is waiting for a copy of the actual by-law so that he can pare it down from the original 400 pages and focus on only what we need.
5. City of Hamilton Discussion Paper: We reviewed a few sections highlighted by the chair, but the majority of the document is not germane to our work.
6. Transition discussion: We discussed methods for engaging the LHIN and Jayne mentioned HAMSMART, but will return with more information.
7. HWG's Outstanding Business list: The Chair reviewed the current outstanding business list for the HWG.
  - a. Accessible housing Modifications and the promotion of Universal design.

- b. Social Housing Inventory: Attempting to confirm that Hamilton has achieved twenty percent accessible housing.
  - c. Reviewing the Housing Application forms and suggesting improvements to make them more accessible.
  - d. Review the Smoke Free Policy adopted by CityHousing with respect to the Disabled being able to safely use Marijuana to alleviate symptoms in their own homes.
  - e. Reviewing the Transition from hospital to other forms of social housing and highlighting how difficult and convoluted the current system is. We hope to have creative suggestions as soon as we understand how the current system works.
  - f. Reviewing the RCF system and seeing if there are any creative suggestions we can make to improve things for the better.
8. Other Business: Tom suggested that members should decide on what priorities each person would like to focus on. He also suggested that it might be a good idea to invite other housing working groups from other committees along with anti-poverty groups like ACORN and the Round Table for Poverty Reduction in an effort to pool our resources and promote social housing advocacy. It was decided that we should put a motion forth to ACPD and invite the Housing Services Division to a future meeting of the HWG.
9. Adjournment