

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

Council: March 29, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Amendment to Item 7 of Emergency and Community Services Committee Report 22-012 respecting the Adaptation and Transformation of Services for People Experiencing Homelessness Update 6 (HSC20020(f)) (City Wide)

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2022 Council approved a grant to Mission Services of Hamilton Inc., (“Mission Services”) for capital improvements for the provision of an emergency shelter for men containing 58 permanent emergency shelter beds and 50 transitional beds on the property known municipally as 400 King Street East (the “Property”);

WHEREAS, subsequent to Council’s approval staff became aware that Mission Services would not be undertaking the capital improvements but instead would be purchasing the Property with the capital improvements completed for the provision for 58 permanent emergency shelter beds and 50 transitional;

WHEREAS, subsequent to Council’s approval on August 12, 2022, Mission Services and the owner of the property agreed to extend the closing date of the sale of the Property in order that all the capital improvements to the Property would be completed prior to the closing date resulting an emergency shelter with 58 permanent beds and 50 transitional beds;

WHEREAS, the provision of the grant to Mission Services is required for the purchase of the Property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Item 7(a)(i)1 of Emergency and Community Services Committee Report 22- 012 respecting the Adaptation and Transformation of Services for People Experiencing Homelessness Update 6 (HSC20020(f)) (City Wide), be **amended**, as follows:

(a) That staff be authorized to implement an interim plan for homelessness system service levels at an approximate cost of \$5.472M for additional pressures in 2022 and to the end of **December 2023**, as follows:

(i) In 2022:

1. Subject to such conditions as the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities deems appropriate, provide a one-time grant to a maximum amount of \$3.04 M to Mission Services to purchase the property known municipally as 400 King Street East (the “Property”) for the purpose of operating a new men’s emergency shelter location at the Property instead of at Mission Services’ current shelter location at 325 James St. North, and which possesses, at the time of closing of the sale, the necessary capital improvements for the relocation and operation of an emergency shelter for men containing 58 permanent emergency beds and **50** transitional beds; and

Main Motion, as Amended to read as follows:

8. Adaptation and Transformation of Services for People Experiencing Homelessness Update 6 (HSC20020(f)) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)

(a) That staff be authorized to implement an interim plan for homelessness system service levels at an approximate cost of \$5.472M for additional pressures in 2022 and to the end of **December 2023**, as follows:

(i) In 2022:

1. Subject to such conditions as the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities deems appropriate, provide a one-time grant to a maximum amount of \$3.04 M to Mission Services to purchase the property known municipally as 400 King Street East (the "Property") for the purpose of operating a new men's emergency shelter location at the Property instead of at Mission Services' current shelter location at 325 James St. North, and which possesses, at the time of closing of the sale, the necessary capital improvements for the relocation and operation of an emergency shelter for men containing 58 permanent emergency beds and **50** transitional beds; and
2. Ancillary costs, including security and damages, associated with the rental of hotel rooms for expanded temporary emergency shelter for single men and women, in the approximate amount of \$500 K;

(ii) From January to March 2023, addressing the needs of community members accessing the emergency shelter system through:

1. Interim capacity of up to 100 additional beds in the women's emergency shelter system as needed, by extending temporary emergency shelter operations at 378 Main Street East (the former Cathedral Boys School) at an approximate cost of \$334 K monthly for an approximate total of \$1 M;
2. Maintaining increased interim emergency shelter capacity of up to 24 beds in the men's system, by increasing the overflow capacity of the new Mission Services men's shelter by up to 24 additional beds in the approximate monthly amount of \$58.3 K for an approximate total of \$175 K;
3. Extending four temporary emergency shelter beds at Salvation Army men's shelter at an approximate cost of \$22 K; and;
4. Continuation of enhanced drop-in services including but not limited to The Living Rock Ministries, Mission Services of Hamilton Inc., Wesley Urban Ministries Inc. and The Hamilton Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) in the approximate monthly amount of \$245 K for an approximate total of \$735 K;

- (b) That staff be directed to pursue full recovery from senior levels of government for the costs identified in recommendation (a) as they are associated to COVID and that recommendations will be coming back through the Year End report outlining what has been funded and what requires additional funding;
- (c) That staff be directed to bring a business case forward to Council through the 2023 budget process detailing a phased transition plan over the remaining nine months of 2023 for the emergency shelter system; and,
- (d) That the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, correspond with the Federal Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion and the Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to advocate for additional transitional COVID-19 funding resources to support ongoing housing and homelessness systems responses, address budgetary shortfalls, and mitigate impacts on the City.
- (e) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department be directed and authorized, to enter into, execute and administer all agreements and documents necessary to implement the grants outlined in Recommendation (a) on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.