



Hamilton

## **Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee Minutes**

**6pm  
Tuesday January 3, 2023**

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

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**Present:** Michael Slusarenko, Violetta Nikolskaya Michael Power, Tom Mobley, Rhonda Mayer, Shaun Jamieson, Mary-Ellen Crechiola

**Absent with Regrets:** Tom Mobley, Tony Manganiello, Leisha Dawson, Eileen Campbell, Sandy Leyland, Morgan Stanek, Lance Dingman, Julia Verbitsky

**Absent:**

**Guests:**

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### **FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:**

#### **1. Ceremonial Activities**

**There were no ceremonial activities**

#### **2. Approval of Agenda**

That the agenda be approved as amended with item 10.2 discussion of empty units.

**CARRIED**

**(Mayer/ Slusarenko)**

**3. Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of Interest.

**4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**10 Discussion Items (Item 10)**

**10.1 Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee Presentation to ECS (Item 10.1)**

- Focus on what the committee wants to present to ECS.
- Focus areas:
  - Focus on those exiting institutional settings
  - Offline units
  - Closure of services and reduction of hours after March
  - Increment weather policy and challenges
  - Collaboration with Health Care sector on the intersection of health and housing

**(Mayer/ Slusarenko)**

That the HHAC approve the presentation to ECS and support the Vice Chair in presenting.

**CARRIED**

**10.2 Empty Social housing units (Item 10.2)**

- Committee members added item to discuss issue of empty social housing units
- Question as to why there were empty social housing units, with a focus on CityHousing Hamilton
- Discussion of it being a system wide issue.
- Currently reported CityHousing Hamilton numbers are 1,293 vacant units. This includes units that are empty due to rehabilitation and redevelopment
- From August 2022, CHH had 417 vacant units (that were related to redevelopment). 47 were ready to rent, about 370 units were facing various issues that made them unsuitable to be rented (damage, pest issues, etc)

11. **Motions (Item 11)**

15. **ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

**(Mayer/ Slusarenko)**

**CARRIED**

That, there being no further business, the Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee adjourn at 7:33pm

Next meeting, Feb 7th, 2023  
**WebEx**

Respectfully submitted,  
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lessness Advisory Committee

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