

Housing Working Group Meeting Notes

July 18th, 2023

Virtual WebEx Meeting

10:00AM – 12:00PM

Those in Attendance: James Kemp, Paula Kilburn

Also in Attendance: Amy Majani

Those Absent: Lance Dingman, Jayne Cardno, Robert Semkow

1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Approval of July 18th Agenda: Agenda was approved.
3. Approval of June 27th Meeting Notes: June 27th Meeting notes were approved.
4. Review of Joint BEWG-HWG Tour of 500 MacNab:
We reviewed the changes to the report based on last BEWG, but we had nothing to add. We then discussed what other buildings we can review jointly as each group is responsible for different areas. We will investigate further.

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5. Review of CityHousing Recommendations: We reviewed the revised conclusions and recommendations and approved the changes. Chair mentioned the addition of the vulnerable persons list in the recommendations. Paula will provide a list of hamilton.ca website deficiencies as requested by Jessica Bowen. Motion will be ready to go forward by the next ACPD.

6. Heat Emergency Response: Chair informed the group that according to the TOR from the EHWG, he was now to serve as a representative of the ACPD to raise our concerns as well as an ambassador to the committee in order to relay information from EHWG to ACPD. Chair was initially asked to serve due to his particular knowledge and involvement in the issues of climate change and heat adaptation with regards to housing along with his delegation to Public Health as a member of the public.

Chair then updated the group on the events of the last meeting. The EHWG is pursuing a voluntary vulnerable persons list to be activated in the event of any climate emergency, whether that is extreme heat, major flooding, or wildfire smoke emergencies to name a few examples. Both the Chair and Tom

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Cooper of the Roundtable for Poverty Reduction recommended that we survey all RCFs to learn what percentage of them are air conditioned. We will have the numbers by the next meeting. There is also money in a pilot project to provide air conditioning and this is where the two of us also pushed to have RCFs go first for several reasons and the group agreed. Chair informed the EHWG of the HWG's findings that according to the AODA, air conditioning is an allowable modification provided a doctor signs off on its need.

7. Other Business: There was no other business.

8. Adjournment