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### Housing Working Group Meeting Notes

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Virtual Teams Meeting

10:00AM – 12:00PM

Those in Attendance: James Kemp, Paula Kilburn

Those Absent: Jayne Cardno, Lance Dingman, Robert Semkow

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of September 19<sup>th</sup> Agenda: Agenda was Approved
3. Extreme Heat Update and Discussion: Chair provided a brief update of this month's EHWG meeting. The heat map was discussed which shows the most concentrated heat islands across the City of Hamilton. Lower city has the highest concentration of heat, with the worst areas in the industrial sector. Chair suggested the HWDSB needs to be involved as heat emergencies are

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more and more prevalent; too many schools in the hot zones are old and not air conditioned. Also raised the issue of standardizing the heat response across City Departments. Road works probably has a heat response plan, but parking enforcement and crossing guards do not, for example.

4. HATS Discussion and Update: Chair provided a brief update and answered several questions on the operation of the site. It is not an encampment, but a secured site with fencing and a single gate. Onsite kitchen and washrooms will be installed onsite. Accessibility will be addressed on an as needed basis in the interest of cost. Kitchen and washrooms will be accessible, but the cabins will be upgraded when needed.
5. Precariousness of Housing for Persons with Disabilities Discussion: As was requested at the last ACPD meeting, we discussed the stresses on the Housing system and how it is disproportionately affecting persons with disability. We revisited earlier discussions had at previous meetings. We will ensure it is on the OBL with suggestions for the next group to prioritize after handover.
6. Other Business: There was no other business.

7. Adjournment