

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council Date: July 12, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH.....

Amendment to Item 1 of the General Issues Committee 23-024, respecting Addressing Needs of Unsheltered Individuals and those Relying on Hamilton's Emergency Shelter System (HSC23041) (City Wide)

WHEREAS, at its meeting of September 6, 2023, City Council approved item 1(i)(e) (ii) of General Issues Committee Report 23-024, Addressing Needs of Unsheltered Individuals and those Relying on Hamilton's Emergency Shelter System (HSC23041), thereby authorizing up to \$1.2M to Indwell to provide continued high level supports for 24 units at CityHousing Hamilton King William that will take individuals from encampments or the by name list. To be funded by the 2024 Tax Operating budget until provincial commitment for these costs can be obtained;

WHEREAS, the King William project capital costs were funded by the federal Rapid Housing Initiative and our funding agreement stipulates that the City of Hamilton is the applicant and CityHousing Hamilton is the intermediary to that funding and there can be no additional intermediaries to the agreement;

WHEREAS, Indwell has been named as the service provider for the housing supports but entering into a contract with an organization who is not an intermediary to the agreement breach the requirements under the Rapid Housing Initiative agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City may require flexibility in the level of acuity of residents housed in this project to manage risk within the building;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Item 1(i)(e)(ii) of the General Issues Committee Report 23-024, respecting Addressing Needs of Unsheltered Individuals and those Relying on Hamilton's Emergency Shelter System (HSC23041) (City Wide) be **amended**, to read as follows:

1. Addressing Needs of Unsheltered Individuals and those Relying on Hamilton's Emergency Shelter System (HSC23041) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

- (e) That up to \$2.3M be referred to the 2024 Tax Operating budget for Council consideration to support individuals experiencing homelessness in securing successful tenancies and prevent homelessness as referenced in the plan to end chronic homelessness and the Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap;

- (ii) Up to \$1.2M to ~~Indwell~~ **CityHousing Hamilton** to provide ~~continued high level supports~~ **medium to high level permanent supportive housing** for 24 units at City Housing Hamilton King William that will take individuals from encampments or the by name list until provincial commitment for these costs can be obtained, ~~And that if the \$1.2 M funding is approved by within the 2024 Tax Operating budget that its provision be subject to the City and CityHousing Hamilton entering into an agreement for the provision of the funding with the following terms and conditions:~~
- (1) **the term of the agreement for 2024 shall be from a start date determined by the GM and end on December 31, 2024 with an automatic yearly renewal contingent on approval of yearly funding by Council for a maximum of 39 renewals;**
 - (2) **that payments continue for the first quarter of each calendar year past the initial term and each renewal term until Council approves the budget for the subsequent renewal term and if funding is not approved the agreement terminates;**
 - (3) **such additional terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and**
 - (4) **that the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities be authorized to execute the agreement.**

Main Motion, **As Amended**, to read as follows:

1. Addressing Needs of Unsheltered Individuals and those Relying on Hamilton’s Emergency Shelter System (HSC23041) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

- (i) (d) That up to \$5.925M for 2024 emergency response expenditures be referred to the 2024 tax operating budget for Council consideration to address the needs experienced by unsheltered individuals and individuals requiring assistance from Hamilton’s emergency shelter system items;
- (i) The continuation of shelter hotel overflow for families experiencing homelessness at an anticipated cost of \$4.64M annually
- (1) \$4.45M for emergency hotel shelter overflow beds for families experiencing homeless.
 - (2) \$190K to fund temporary mobile case management team supporting families experiencing homelessness who are housed in hotel overflow beds.

- (ii) The continuation of 20 additional beds in the women's emergency shelter system, through 46 West South as a temporary emergency shelter (run by Good Shepherd Centre Hamilton), from April 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 at a cost of \$952K (annualized cost of \$1.267M)
 - (iii) \$333K to enhance diversion programs within shelters to prevent homelessness for an estimated 600 individuals
- (e) That up to \$2.3M be referred to the 2024 Tax Operating budget for Council consideration to support individuals experiencing homelessness in securing successful tenancies and prevent homelessness as referenced in the plan to end chronic homelessness and the Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap;
- (i) \$2M increase to the Municipal Housing Benefit equivalent to Rent-Geared-to-Income to end homelessness for an estimated 332 households, in order to reflect the commitment to support 500 households in this way through the HSIR.
 - (ii) Up to \$1.2M to **CityHousing Hamilton** to provide **medium to high level permanent supportive housing** for 24 units at City Housing Hamilton King William that will take individuals from encampments or the by name list until provincial commitment for these costs can be obtained, **within the 2024 Tax Operating budget subject to the City and CityHousing Hamilton entering into an agreement for the provision of the funding with the following terms and conditions:**
 - (1) **the term of the agreement for 2024 shall be from a start date determined by the GM and end on December 31, 2024 with an automatic yearly renewal contingent on approval of yearly funding by Council for a maximum of 39 renewals;**
 - (2) **that payments continue for the first quarter of each calendar year past the initial term and each renewal term until Council approves the budget for the subsequent renewal term and if funding is not approved the agreement terminates;**
 - (3) **such additional terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and**
 - (4) **that the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities be authorized to execute the agreement.**

- (f) That expansion of the Housing Services Division's 2024 budgeted complement by 5.0 permanent FTEs to be referred to the 2024 Tax Operating Budget to support execution of recommendations (d) through (e), with annual cost in 2024 of approximately \$502K;
 - (i) 2.0 FTEs, Emergency Shelter Case Managers, to support expanded shelter capacity at an annual cost in 2024 of approximately \$199K for salaries, benefits and ancillary costs.
 - (ii) 3.0 FTEs, a Senior Project Manager, a Housing Support Worker, and a Housing Services Clerk, to design and administer programs offering permanent housing solutions at an annual cost in 2024 of approximately \$303K

- (g) That Council approve in principle the concept of an advance multiyear municipal commitment of \$31M (e.g. \$10.33M per year over 3 years) towards the creation of 200 units supportive housing in order to maximize opportunities for affordable housing providers to leverage provincial and federal funds for projects in development and that Housing Secretariat report back to Council in Q3 on financing options and recommended parameters by which Council would delegate decision making authority to staff to work with providers, identify highest impact projects and administer and allocate these funds to enable flexibility and nimble decision-making;