

ACPD's Housing Working Group Meeting Notes

March 4th, 2025

Virtual Teams Meeting

10:00AM – 12:00PM

Members in Attendance: James Kemp, Hargun Kaur, Lance Dingman

Members Absent: Paula Kilburn, Benjamin Cullimore, Robert Westbrook

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of March 4th Agenda: Agenda was approved.

3. Approval of January 21st Meeting Notes: Meeting notes were approved.

4. Universal Accessible Design Report Update: Chair began by giving a brief overview of the Universal Accessible Design Motion process and where it stands today. Chair reached out to Sam Hanna from Housing Services' Social Policy Division only to learn

that Sam has moved to the homelessness file however, Sam is seeing this report through in the interest of continuity. He reported that the report we are expecting was delayed due to the homelessness file and asks for our patience. He will return hopefully soon with something more conclusive. When I asked him about the Housing Secretariat, he also informed me that our contact Temo, has now moved on from the City of Hamilton and our file did not get handed off to a successor. When the report comes forward, Sam will assist us in connecting with Hamilton is Home. We appreciate Sam Hanna's diligence in the matter.

5. Accessible Shelters/Accessible Cabins Next

Steps: We sent in a letter to Council in January regarding this issue and indicating we would like to get more involved in this work as it affects so many persons with disabilities. We are to follow up that letter with a motion asking for permission to discuss this matter with staff in detail as well as tour facilities so we may provide the best recommendations possible to hopefully improve conditions and provide an argument to choose shelter over encampment. We cannot know what to recommend so we can make them better until we actually see them for ourselves.

6. Housing Guide Review Continuation: As the meeting was disrupted and we only have a partial group, we will postpone until next month.

7. Other Business: There was no other business.

8. Adjournment