



**EXPANDING HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR
WOMEN, NON-BINARY, AND TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY
SUB-COMMITTEE
MINUTES 21-001**

2:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present:

Voting: Councillors N. Nann (Chair), C. Collins, J. Farr, and M. Wilson
S. Badri, R. Bouwman, M. Uppal, M. Vaccaro, and P. Whitlow

Non-Voting: R. Mastroianni and N. Zelisko

Also Present: E. John, Director of Housing Services

Regrets: C. Kirkby

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO THE EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY
SERVICES COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION:**

1. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR (Item 1)

(Badri/Farr)

That Rachel Bouwman be appointed Vice-Chair of the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women and Transgender Community Sub-Committee for the remainder of the 2018-2022 term.

CARRIED

**2. WINTER 2020 HOUSING AND EMERGENCY SHELTER SUPPORTS
(HSC21007) (CITY WIDE) (Item 7.1)**

(Vaccaro/Bouwman)

That Report HSC21007, respecting Winter 2020 Housing and Emergency Shelter Supports (City Wide), be received.

CARRIED

(Nann/Farr)

That staff contact the Native Women's Centre to explore and address the funding gap resulting in the loss of 15 shelter beds at the Native Women's Centre.

CARRIED

3. CANADA ONTARIO HOUSING BENEFIT (Added Item 13.2)

(Uppal/Whitlow)

That the Council write to the Provincial and Federal Governments to advocate for an increase to the Canada Ontario Housing Benefit.

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

The Committee Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

(Wilson/Uppal)

That the agenda for the March 18, 2021 Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women, Non-Binary, and Transgender Community Sub-Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

(i) December 4, 2020 (Item 4.1)

(Wilson/Farr)

That the Minutes of the December 4, 2020 meeting of the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women, Non-Binary, and Transgender Community Sub-Committee, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Correspondence from Jennifer Hompoth, respecting the need for targeted housing for women, non-binary and transgender people (Item 5.1)

(Bouwman/Whitlow)

That the correspondence from Jennifer Hompoth, respecting the need for targeted housing for women, non-binary and transgender people, be received.

CARRIED

(e) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(i) Housing Needs Assessment (Added Item 13.1)

(Wilson/Badri)

That staff be directed to review existing research and data on housing supports for the LGBTQ+ Community, including research and data from the Community University Policy Alliance on Gender Based Homelessness at McMaster University, and report back to the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women, Non-Binary, and Transgender Community Sub-Committee with a needs assessment for housing and emergency shelter supports for women, non-binary and transgender community; and recommendations on policies, procedures, and actions that can be taken by the City of Hamilton.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Farr/Collins)

That there being no further business, the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women and Transgender Community Sub-Committee be adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Nrinder Nann
Chair, Expanding Housing and Support
Services for Women, Non-Binary and
Transgender Community Sub-Committee

Tamara Bates
Legislative Coordinator
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