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Windsor, Ontario April 25, 2012

A meeting of the **Housing Advisory Committee** is held this day commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in Room 303, 400 City Hall Square East, there being present the following members:

Marina Clemens, Chairperson  
Councillor Ed Sleiman  
Frank Duralia  
John Elliott  
Kerry Ippolito  
Elayne Isaacs  
Heather McNamara  
Chris Vickers  
Linda Wilson

**Regrets received from:**

Anna Angelidis  
Judith Binder  
Dave Foley  
Steve Govette  
Bill King  
Gary McNamara  
Paul Renaud

**Also present are the following resource personnel:**

Chris Aspila, Planner IJ - Official Plan Review, Policy & Special Studies and Land Information  
Rob Oleynik, Program Coordinator, Housing & Children's Services  
Karen Kadour, (A) Committee Coordinator

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson calls the meeting to order at 9:10 o'clock a.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" **attached** hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

**2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

None.

### 3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Sleiman, seconded by C. Vickers,  
That the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Advisory Committee held  
November 23, 2011 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.  
Carried.

### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### 4.1 Implementation of the Investment in Affordable Housing Program (IAH)

R. Oleynik distributes the "Investment in Affordable Housing - IAH Windsor □  
Essex Program Component Snapshot document, attached as Appendix "A". He provides  
the following information relating to the IAH Program:

- The Federal and Provincial governments have partnered to fund the IAH Program in Windsor and Essex County.
- The City of Windsor is the delivery agent for the program.
- Each program expires December 10<sup>th</sup> each year or when the program funds are depleted, whichever occurs first.
- Completed applications are generally processed on a first come first serve basis subject to a regard for a fair distribution of the program funds across the Windsor and Essex County service area.

Discussion ensues regarding the "Applicant Eligibility" noted in the *Ontario Renovates Program*. The criteria relating to Home Repair and Multi-Residential applicant eligibility is as follows:

**Home Repair** Home is sole/principle residence;

Gross Household income at or below \$60,000

Gross Assets Limit \$20,000 with exclusions (ie. equity in home)

Market value of home less than \$169,000

**Multi-Res** Landlord must own building/property

Landlord must demonstrate the on-going financial viability of the project

E. Isaacs suggests a percentage be determined for Ontario Renovates private home repair and for repairs to multi-residential buildings. She requests that a higher percentage be provided for families and a lesser percentage to landlords as they essentially are operating a business.

Moved by Councillor Sleiman, seconded by K. Ippolito,  
That Housing Services **BE REQUESTED** to consider adopting a program allocation delivery model where seventy-five percent (75%) of the Ontario Renovates funds **BE ALLOCATED** to Homeowner applications and twenty-five percent (25%) of

the Ontario Renovates funds **BE ALLOCATED** to multi-residential applications with the flexibility of changing the percentage throughout the year depending on the number of applications received in each category, and further that this rationale is to address the possibility that multi-residential applications could receive the lion's share of the overall allocation as the program allows for \$25K per unit and this possibility could freeze out homeowners in need of the program.

Carried.

Moved by C. Vickers, seconded by E. Isaacs,

That Housing Services **BE REQUESTED** to consider adopting a program income criteria where eligibility under the Ontario Renovates program includes Gross Household income at or below \$60,000 for home repair applications and Gross Household income eligibility **BE ADJUSTED** to the provincial maximum of \$80,000 for secondary suite applications.

Carried.

#### **4.2 Housing Options for Persons Living with Disabilities and Other Needs**

The Chairperson reports the "Invitational Round Table Event about Affordable Housing Options For People with Disabilities and Others Needing Support" held March 21, 2012 at the Holiday Inn, 1855 Huron Church Road was very well attended.

#### **4.3 Housing Options for Persons with Disabilities and Other Needs**

The Chairperson indicates the "Alliance to Develop Community Residences for People Living with Dementia" held March 30, 2012 at The Other Place, 1395 Walker Road was very well attended.

#### **4.4 Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS)**

C. Vickers states the Housing Information Services will act as the lead agency in the City to allocate approximately \$500,000 from Service Canada to other agencies dealing with homelessness issues. Youth and Family Resource Network received approximately \$350,000 to deliver homelessness related programs in the County.

#### **4.5 Updates from HAC Members**

In response to a question from K. Ippolito regarding if the Schlegel Village will be sufficient to handle the need for long term care in Windsor, it is suggested that representation from the Erie St. Clair the Local Health Integration Network be invited to attend the next HAC meeting.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**HAC 2012/2013 Goals/Workplan**

E. Isaacs asks what incentives are being offered by the City of Windsor to entice interested parties to invest in affordable housing.

C. Vickers states that a line item in the City of London's annual budget includes \$7,000,000 for social housing initiatives.

The Chairperson asks HAC members to review the HARS Recommendations and put forth those items of interest for discussion at the next HAC meeting.

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chairperson.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 10:30 o'clock a.m.

CHAIRPERSON

(A) COMMITTEE COORDINATOR



**AGENDA**  
And Schedule "A"  
to the minutes of the meeting of the  
**HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
held Wednesday, April 25, 2012  
at 9:00 o'clock a.m.  
Room 303, 400 City Hall Square East

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

3. **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held November 23, 2011 (*previously distributed*).

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

4.1 **Implementation of the Investment in Affordable Housing Program (IAH)**

The "Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) Windsor-Essex Program Component Snapshot" is *attached*.

4.2 **Housing Options for Persons with Disabilities and Other Needs - Session held on March 29.1 2012**

Background information is *attached*.

4.3 **Housing Options for Persons Living with Dementia - Session held on March 30, 2012**

Background information is *attached*.

4.4 **Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS)**

Update.

4.5 **U\_pdates from HAC Members**

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

5.1 **HAC 2012/2013 Goals/Work\_plan**

6. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be determined.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**Investment in Affordable Housing- IAH  
Windsor Essex Program Component Snapshot**

*Disclaimer: Details provided herein are for informational purposes only, are subject to change prior to the final program release date and are not to be relied upon as a comprehensive or precise representation of the program, its terms and conditions or eligibility rules.*

**Background**

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