

A meeting of the **Housing Advisory Committee** is held this day commencing at 9:37 o'clock a.m. in Room 407, 400 City Hall Square East, there being present the following members:

Marina Clemens, Chairperson  
Steve Govette, Community Group, Canadian Mental Health Association  
Elayne Isaacs, Community Groups, Can Am Urban Native Non-Profit Homes  
Shelley Gilbert, Legal Assistance of Windsor  
Jim Steele, Housing Providers  
Lorena Shepley, Consumer & Tenant Representation (arrives at 9:45 o'clock a.m.)  
Janice Stowe, Housing Provider Windsor-Essex County Real Estate Board  
Gary McNamara, Mayor of Tecumseh, County Council  
Linda Wilson, Emergency Housing  
Anna Angelidis, Labour Community  
Janette Calandra, Housing Provider

**Regrets received from:**

Heather McNamara, Multicultural Council Windsor & Essex County

**Guest present:**

Margaret Patalas, 4<sup>th</sup> Year Social Work Student University of Windsor

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

Chris Aspila, Policy Planning City of Windsor  
Judy Binder, CMHC  
Debbie Cercone, Executive Director of Housing City of Windsor  
Bill King, Manager of Planning Services, County of Essex  
Rob Oleynik, Program Coordinator, Housing & Children Services  
Susan Vadori, (A) Committee Coordinator

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson calls the meeting to order at 9:37 o'clock a.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" **attached** hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

**2. MINUTES**

Moved by G. McNamara, seconded by S. Gilbert,  
That the minutes of the meeting held November 25, 2010 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT - None**

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

4.1 **HARS 2010 Report – Request to amend wording of Rec/ 2.5 from CanAm Urban Native Homes**

The Committee notes their support for the inclusion of the requested wording to be inside the HARS 2010 Report.

Moved by A. Angelidis, seconded by E. Isaacs,  
That HARS 2010 Report Recommendation #2.5 **BE AMENDED** to include the accepted wording as **attached** in APPENDIX “A”.

Carried

4.2 **Overview of new provincial Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy**

R. Oleynik distributes a a summary presentation entitled the “Ontario Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy An Overview Windsor Essex January 2011, **attached** as APPENDIX “B”.

Some highlights of discussion contained with in the document include:

- Five Key Elements of the Strategy;
- Implementation date;
- A definition for the term “rapid re-housing” is discussed
- The intent of MMAH and other ministries is to partner and harmonize program delivery
- RGI calculation – this is a new approach and appears less punitive. Changes intended to assist persons with the opportunity to build assets. Concern is noted with the ramifications of introducing Canada Revenue Agency into the process;
- Community can design waiting list criteria;
- Planning Act changes will require municipalities to allow Secondary Units, Example: allowing an adult disabled family member to remain with the family unit yet in a separate area of the family house. The City of Windsor is presently undergoing its’ Official Plan review and it is expected to consider the opportunity to include Secondary Unit language in the revised Plan.
- Concern is noted regarding the date of implementation of the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy with regard to the possibility and the implications of the Plan if the provincial election results in a change in government
- Concern is raised regarding the sufficiency of representation of the southwest region for MMAH consultations on the strategy and new legislation. Mayor McNamara offers to discuss document and concerns with AMO contacts at upcoming meetings.
- The Committee expresses concern regarding the reduction in Federal housing program funding as project operating agreements expire over

the next few years. Members are encouraged to raise this concern with their respective groups and forward correspondence on behalf of their organization to the federal government.

**ACTION:**

Chairperson Clemens requests that Housing Services prepare a summary of the Federal funding reduction over the respective years for review at the next meeting.

**4.3 HAC HARS 2010 implementation plan integration with new provincial strategy**

Members are asked to prepare to discuss the role of HAC and the timelines of the HARS recommendations and implementation as it relates to and/or intersects with the consultation and implementation of the new provincial Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy.

J. Steele leaves the meeting at 10:54 o'clock a.m.

S. Govette leaves the meeting at 10:56 o'clock a.m.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

Housing Services is asked to provide information regarding the reduction in Federal housing program funding to assist HAC Members in discussions with the senior levels of government.

G. McNamara leaves the meeting at 11:03 o'clock a.m.

It is requested by the Chair that HAC contact the Homeless Coalition and invite representatives to the next meeting to provide an update to the Committee regarding the recently completed community plan to identify and address homelessness in our community.

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 2, 2011 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in Room 407- 400 City Hall Square East.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 11:15 o'clock a.m.

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CHAIRPERSON

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COMMITTEE COORDINATOR