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Windsor, Ontario June 12, 2017

A meeting of the **Housing Advisory Committee** is held this day commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the Walkerville Meeting Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, City Hall, there being present the following members:

Marina Clemens, Chair  
Councillor John Elliott  
Anna Angelidis  
Linda Coltman  
Steve Govette  
Eric Hill  
Cheryl Porter  
Leigh Vachon  
Angela Yakonich

**Regrets received from:**

Jessica Kipping  
Mayor Gary McNamara  
Paul Renaud  
Jim Steele

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

Chris Aspila, Planner III  
Judith Binder, CMHC  
Debbie Cercone, Executive Director, Housing & Children's Services  
Bill King, Manager of Planning Services, Town of Essex  
Kelly Goz, Coordinator, Housing Administration & Development  
Rob Oleynik, Coordinator, Housing Administration & Development  
Lucy Sobczyk, Manager, Housing Support Services  
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair 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 disclosed.

### 3. **MINUTES**

Moved by A. Angelidis, seconded by L. Coltman,  
That the minutes of the Housing Advisory Committee of its meeting held  
February 14, 2017 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.  
Carried.

### 4. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### 4.1 **2017 Housing Program Information Summary**

R. Oleynik provides an overview of the Windsor-Essex Federal Provincial 2017  
Housing Program Allocations and Take-up as follows:

- Program years run from April 1 to March 31 each year.
- Rental Housing: RFP closed May 16, 2017 – Allocation \$3.848M – Proposals received total \$21.8M. Evaluation in process.
- SHIP and SHARP Program funds allocated in 2016. Project completions continue throughout 2017.
- Rent/Sup Housing Allowance is a 7 year program – 2017 to 2014 (2017 IAHE at \$300K per year for a total of \$2M). (Total 2016 SIF at \$46K per year for a total of \$324K) Overall unit allocation is 88%.
- 2017 HOP allocated at \$200K from IAHE and \$100K from the HOP Revolving Fund. Full program take-up is expected.
- 2017 MR Fire Sprinkler is the third year of a 3 year program. A surplus in 2017 is expected in this program to be re-allocated to other program components.

#### 4.2 **New Programs: Windsor Essex Submissions**

K. Goz provides the following highlights of the Windsor Essex Proposals  
submitted in Response to Expressions of Interest (EOI) issued by the Province:

- The purpose of the Home For Good EOI issued by the Ministry of Housing (MHO) is to provide Consolidated Municipal Service Managers and District Social Services Administration Boards with an opportunity to be selected as a recipient of Home For Good funding in 2017-18 and 2018-19 by:
  - Defining their supportive housing needs;
  - Informing MHO about their ability to deliver housing assistance and support services; and
  - Identifying potential partners.
- This program will assist MHO to make demonstrable progress on the government's goal to end chronic homelessness by 2025.
- The Anti-Human Trafficking Community Supports Fund is one of the initiatives under Ontario's Strategy to End Human Trafficking, announced in June 2016.

Priority will be placed on supporting survivors of human trafficking and their families in their journey towards healing and recovery, and/or preventing human trafficking.

- Everyone Counts: 2018 Coordinator Point in Time Count – When communities conduct counts at the same time of year using a common approach, the results can be used to build a better understanding of homelessness in Canada.

#### **4.3 2016 Annual Report to the Community – 10 Year Housing & Homelessness Plan**

Moved by Councillor Elliott, seconded by L. Vachon,  
That the 2016 Windsor Essex Annual Report to the Community on the 10 Year Housing & Homeless Plan **BE ACCEPTED**.  
Carried.

#### **4.4 2017 Federal and Provincial Budgets**

R. Oleynik provides the salient points of discussion relating to the 2017 Federal and Provincial Budgets. The source of the 2017 Federal Budget summary is an excerpt from the ONPHA website. The source of the 2017 Provincial Budget is an excerpt from the OMSSA website.

##### 2017 Federal Budget

- \$11.2 billion over the next 11 years for affordable housing initiatives. The Federal budget allocation in 2017 is small. The allocation begins in 2018 and increases each year until 2022.
- \$2.2 billion over two years for the development of a National Housing Strategy.
- \$3.2 billion over the next 11 years to replace the current Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) initiative, which expires at the end of 2018-2019, with a new multilateral investment framework. This new framework is intended to support key priorities that the government indicates might include the construction of new units, renovation and repairs, rent subsidies, and other initiatives to support accessibility modifications.
- The Federal Budget 2017 also proposes a new National Housing Fund that will be administered by CMHC. This proposal re-establishes the once central role of CMHC in Canada's housing system. The proposal plans to fund initiatives to address critical housing issues, and will prioritize support for vulnerable citizens including seniors, Indigenous Peoples, survivors fleeing situations of domestic violence, persons with disabilities, those dealing with mental health and additions issues and veterans.
- \$25 million beginning in 2018-2019, to provide assistance for needed capital repairs, to encourage new development, and to help ensure the continued

affordability of units previously supported by the former Urban Native Housing Program.

- \$241 million over 11 years to establish a new Housing Statistics Framework and allow CMHC to improve data collection and analytics including investments outside of the National Housing Strategy funding for Statistics Canada to develop a new Housing Statistics Framework.
- \$202 million over eleven years to activate surplus lands for the development of new affordable housing; an 11 year commitment of.
- \$2.1 billion over eleven years to expand and extend the Homelessness Partnership Strategy beyond its initial end date of 2018-2019

### 2017 Provincial Budget

The 2017 Provincial Budget includes provisions for:

- \$45 million over three years to create 1,150 supportive housing units.
- Continued support for the implementation of the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy.
- \$200 million over three years to improve access to counselling, medication and life skills training for up to 6000 families.
- Support the construction of an additional 1500 supportive housing units in the long term.
- \$30 million over three years for a Portable Housing Benefit for Survivors of Domestic Violence.
- \$90 million over three years for the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiatives.
- \$640 million for the repair and modernization of community infrastructure including affordable housing and shelter projects between 2017 and 2019.
- \$677 million over four years allocated to the development sector to support 1000 adults with developmental disabilities and provide for 375 additional residential development services to assist youth transitioning from the child welfare system.

The Provincial government has also announced new rent control measures as an affordable housing initiative.

J. Binder states Budget 2017 will allow for more low cost loans for affordable housing to support people in place.

A. Angelidis refers to the Windsor Essex Federal Provincial 2017 Housing Program Allocations provided by R. Oleynik, and states that some agreements will be ending. She adds there is a need for a strategic tie-in to any existing dollars remaining in these agreements.

The Chair suggests Mike Deimling, Social Housing Analyst be invited to attend the September 19, 2017 meeting of HAC to provide an update regarding the time lines for agreements ending in 2017/2018/2019.

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

K. Goz reports the Strategic Plan for the Homeless Coalition Windsor-Essex and Homelessness Partnering Strategy Community Advisory Board has been accepted by the Homeless Coalition and will be forwarded to the Community Advisory Board for their feedback in July. The Chair requests the Plan be provided to HAC at the September 19, 2017 meeting.

### **5. COMMUNICATIONS**

**5.1** The News Release – “Ontario Passes Legislation to Create More Affordable Housing for Families – Province Reducing Red Tape on Secondary Suites, Allowing for inclusionary Zoning” is received for information.

The Chair notes that City Council at its meeting held January 9, 2017 (CR28/2017) directed the Chair of HAC to send a letter to the CAO, City of Windsor and to the Mayors in Essex County to ascertain the status of secondary suites in their respective municipalities and to date, the chair has received replies from the Mayors of Leamington, Essex, Lakeshore, Amherstburg, Tecumseh, Kingsville and LaSalle.

The document entitled “Second Units Info Sheet – Spring 2017” is distributed and ***attached*** as Appendix “A”.

The salient points of discussion relating to secondary suites are as follows:

- The secondary suite policy in some municipalities has been tailored to fit specific needs as the municipality may be more rural with less demands.
- Suggestion that outcomes of by-laws in other municipalities be provided to HAC.
- The City of London secondary suite by-law was amended by the Province and is currently in place, however, there is a licensing issue. It is noted the City of London experiences the same challenges as the City of Windsor, although Windsor has not yet established a licensing standard for secondary suites.
- As referenced in the Second Units Info Sheet, the Province has removed numerous restrictions.

The Chair proposes inviting Michael Cooke, Manager of Planning Policy to the September 19, 2017 meeting to provide the status of the report and subsequent by laws needed to move the approval of secondary suites to both the Standing Committee and Windsor City Council.

Moved by A. Angelidis, seconded by L. Coltman,  
That the Manager of Planning Policy **BE INVITED** to attend the September 19, 2017 meeting of the Housing Advisory Committee to provide an update relating to the status of the report and subsequent by laws needed to move the approval of secondary suites to both the Standing Committee and Windsor City Council.  
Carried.

**5.2** The News Release – “Ontario Protecting Tenants from Unfair Rent Increases” is received for information.

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 407, 400 City Hall Square East.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 10:32 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR



**AGENDA**  
**HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
held Monday, June 12, 2017  
at 9:00 o'clock a.m.  
Town of Walkerville Meeting Room  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor, City Hall

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

3. **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held February 14, 2017 – **(previously e-mailed)**.

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- “Excerpt from ONPHA Website – March 2017 – Budget 2017: A Historic Investment for Social Housing” is **attached**.
- Provincial Budget – “OMSSA’s 2017 Provincial Budget Report” is **attached**.

4.5 **Updates from Members**

- Fahimuddin Bai, Multicultural Council to provide an update relating to refugees.

- Angela Yakovich, Homeless Coalition to provide an update on the New Strategic Plan.
- Eric Hill, Can Am Urban Homes to provide an update on new housing initiatives.

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**7. ADJOURNMENT**