

Windsor, Ontario September 22, 2015

A meeting of the **Housing Advisory Committee** is held this day commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the Public Works Board Room, 1266 McDougall there being present the following members:

Marina Clemens, Chairperson
Anna Angelidis
Linda Coltman
Steve Govette
Eric Hill
Jessica Kipping
Sid Palumbo
Jim Steele
Leigh Vachon
Mike Van der Vlist (arrives at 9:07 a.m.)
Angela Yakonich

Regrets received from:

Councillor John Elliott
Mayor Gary McNamara

Guest in attendance:

David Hanna

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Judith Binder, CMHC
Joelle Jackson, CMHC
Kelly Goz, Housing Administration & Development Coordinator
Rob Oleynik, Program Coordinator
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson calls the meeting to order at 9:04 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 L. Vachon, seconded by J. Steele,

That the minutes of the Housing Advisory Committee of its meeting held June 2, 2015
BE ADOPTED as presented.

Carried.

4. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

4.1 **Meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing- July 2015**

The Chairperson reports several members of HAC along with city staff met with the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing in Tecumseh on July 15, 2015. Topics of discussion included expansion of the Central Housing Registry, expansion of block funding, rent supplement and benchmarking, the Housing First Model and housing initiatives in Windsor Essex.

A. Angelidis remarks the meeting went well with the Minister and indicates he was receptive to suggestions. She notes the Minister indicated the Windsor/Essex region experiences the same issues as other municipalities throughout the province.

The Chairperson thanks Mayor McNamara for allowing HAC to meet with the Minister.

4.2 **2015 IAHE Program Delivery Statistics**

R. Oleynik provides an overview of the IAH-E 2 Program Delivery HAC Update -April 1, 2015 to August 31, 2015 Windsor Essex. He notes Table 1 - Unit Targets refers to unit take-up and not necessarily funding take-up.

A. Angelidis states individuals now have a choice as it relates to housing; focus on education and with rent supp, individuals will be able to afford a nicer unit.

M. Van der Vlist advises additional funding will be requested in 2016 to build 2 more Habitat for Humanity homes. He states a fully accessible home was constructed in 2015 in Cottam and homes will be built in Windsor and in Leamington.

4.3 Windsor Essex Housing Connection Housing First Implementation Update

K. Goz provides an overview of the "Windsor Essex Housing Connections Program Details" document. She provides the following as it relates to this initiative:

- The team is currently supporting 70 chronic or episodic individuals in Windsor Essex. Windsor Essex Housing Connections will continue to work with these individuals for up to 3 years. There are a few families, but mostly single males and females are being supported.
- Ontario Trillium has provided a grant to Windsor Residence Inc. for three years to employ a housing support worker dedicated to youth.
- Gift cards have been purchased through Homelessness Partnering Strategy funding which will provide autonomy to individuals to purchase what they need for their homes.
- This program to date has made a huge impact on people's lives.

4.4 Application for Funding to Employment and Social Development Canada to Conduct a Point-in-Time Count

K. Goz states there is Federal funding available for communities to complete a Point-in-Time count. She notes a funding application was completed in August 2015 to receive \$41,000 for this initiative in Windsor Essex. She indicates the funding related to the Point in Time Count will be to implement an exercise to accurately count the number of homeless individuals in Windsor Essex County. It is the intention that this will be undertaken in the near future if funding is approved within the first 60 days of 2016 (date to be determined) whereby approximately 100 volunteers will be sent throughout the City/County in teams between 10:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. to count the number of homeless people encountered.

4.5 Expiry of Federal Operating Agreements

R. Oleynik distributes a document entitled "Social Housing in Windsor and Essex County", attached as Appendix "A".

In terms of the document entitled "Annual Apportionment of Federal Funds by Social Housing Program - 2013-2020 - Windsor-Essex Service Area, R. Oleynik reports three providers will require continued support when the agreement expires. J. Steele states a structural change to the program is being reviewed. R. Oleynik notes that the social housing portfolio funding is derived from the Federal Government at 30%, the City at 44% and the County at 22%.

The Chairperson states the documents provide a glimpse of what may occur in the future including the number of rent geared to income units (RGI) which may be lost in the City/County.

A. Angelidis expresses concern that by the year 2020, 3,600 RGI units will be gone.

4.6 Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy-Consultation Review

The Chairperson states the consultation for the Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy was completed in June 2015. J. Binder indicates the recommendations and next steps were not in the purview of the province and she suggests a report be provided to the Federal government.

Moved by A. Angelidis, seconded by L. Coltman,

That subsequent to the October 19, 2015 Federal Election, that the Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy-Consultation Review document **BE SENT** to the newly elected Members of Parliament for their information.

Carried

The Chair advises she along with K. Goz will create an addendum to be sent to the province.

K. Goz distributes the document entitled "2014 Windsor Essex Annual Report to the Community on the 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan", attached as Appendix "B".

5. UPDATES FROM MEMBERS

L. Vachon reports the numbers of beds at Victoria Manor have been reduced to approximately 80 beds due to the fixed funding amount on subsidies but also notes there has been an increase in per diem rates.

E. Hill states there is an RFP to construct 30 new units through the Ontario Aboriginal services.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on November 24, 2015 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 10:08 o'clock a.m.

CHAIRPERSON

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR



AGENDA
And Schedule "A"
to the minutes of the meeting of the
HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
held Tuesday, September 22, 2015
at 9:00 o'clock a.m.
Public Works Board Room
266 McDougall

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

3. **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held June 2, 2015 (*attached*).

4. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

4.1 **Meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing- July 2015**

Mayor G. McNamara to provide an update.

4.2 **2015 IAHE Program Delivery Statistics**

The Housing Administration and Development Coordinator (R. Oleynik) to lead the discussion. The IAHE Year 2 Program Delivery HAC Update - April 1, 2015 to August 31, 2015 Windsor Essex - *attached* The 2015 Ontario Renovates Program for Homeowner is *attached*

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The Housing Administration and Development Coordinator (K. Goz) to lead the discussion. The Windsor Essex Housing Connections Program Details - *attached*.

4.4 **Application for Funding to Employment and Social Development Canada to Conduct a Point-in-Time Count**

The Housing Administration and Development Coordinator (K. Goz) to lead the discussion.

4.5 **Expiry of Federal Operating Agreements**

The Housing Administration and Development Coordinator (R. Oleynik) to lead the discussion. The Annual Apportionment of Federal Funds by Social Housing Program 2012 - 2020 Windsor-Essex Service Area - *attached*

4.6 **Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy - Consultation Review**

Comments from HAC members. The document entitled "Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy (LTAHS) Windsor Essex - Renewal Consultation" is *attached*.

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