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**Special Meeting of Council
Decision
Monday, July 26, 2021**

Moved by: Councillor Bortolin
Seconded by: Councillor Sleiman

Decision Number: CR365/2021 CR333/2021

That the report from the Executive Director of Housing and Children's Services exploring the redesign of Emergency Shelter Service delivery and Housing and Homelessness Help Hub evaluation **BE RECEIVED** for information; and further,

That City Council **ENDORSE** the recommendation of the Executive Director of Housing and Children's Services to pursue the development of a Housing Hub model that will offer shelter and support services that are flexible and responsive to the needs of residents; and further,

That City Council **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director of Housing and Children's Services to engage any professional services required to identify viable properties and/or land, create a conceptual design, or any other services to draft conceptual plans and other documents required to bring forward a Housing Hub and shelter support proposal for Council's consideration; and further,

That the costs of such professional services **BE CHARGED** to the Budget Stabilization Reserve to an upset limit of \$175,000, plus any applicable taxes, if federal or provincial funding to support the cost of such services is unavailable; and further,

That the Executive Director of Housing & Children's Services **BE AUTHORIZED** to issue an Expression of Interest to solicit interest for operating elements of the Housing Hub; and further,

That the Executive Director of Housing & Children's Services **BE DIRECTED** to engage with the existing shelter service providers, the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee, persons with lived experience, and other key stakeholders as elements of the future state are developed; and further,

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That the Commissioner, Human and Health Services **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute, sign, amend or terminate agreements and/or other documents with professional services pursuant to the Purchasing By-Law 93-2012 and amendments thereto; satisfactory in form to the City Solicitor, in technical content to the Executive Director of Housing & Children Services, and in financial content to the City Treasurer, where the contribution does not exceed \$175,000, plus any applicable taxes; and further,

That the Executive Director of Housing & Children's Services **BE AUTHORIZED** to pursue any funding opportunity to reduce the burden on the municipal tax base to support the capital and/or operating costs of the Housing Hub; and further, should funding be in the form of grants or require an application process; and,

That the Chief Administrative Officer and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to sign any documentation as required to bring effect to these resolutions, such that all documents are satisfactory in technical content to the Commissioner, Human and Health Services and Executive Director of Housing and Children's Services; in legal form and content to the City Solicitor, and in financial content to the City Treasurer; and,

That the Executive Director of Housing and Children's Services **BE DIRECTED** to develop a proposed model for the Housing Hub project and bring back recommendations to City Council for consideration; and further,

That Administration **PREPARE** an official letter on behalf of City Council to help advocate other levels of government to address funding gaps with respect to mental health and addictions to ensure the new housing hub is a success.

Carried.

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Clerk's File: SS/11710 11.1

Anna Ciacelli

Deputy City Clerk

August 6, 2021