

Housing Advisory Committee – Meeting held April 10, 2018

A meeting of the Housing Advisory Committee is held this day commencing at 9:30 o'clock a.m. in the Walkerville Meeting Room, 3rd floor, City Hall, there being present the following members:

Marina Clemens, Chair
Councillor John Elliott
Anna Angelidis
Linda Coltman
Fiona Coughlin
Steve Govette
Eric Hill
Jessica Kipping-Labute
Gary McNamara, Mayor of the Town of Tecumseh
Cheryl Porter
Paul Renaud
Jim Steele
Leigh Vachon
Angela Yakonich

Guests in attendance:

Lorraine Goddard, CEO and Uma Venkataramaiah, Director, Strategic Planning & Innovation, United Way
Xavier Gonzalez

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Chris Aspila, Planner III
Debbie Cercone, Executive Director, Housing & Children's Services
Jeanie Diamond Francis, Community Services Coordinator
Kelly Goz, Coordinator, Housing Administration, and Development
Tina Moore, Coordinator, Housing Administration, and Development
Jennifer Tanner, Manager, Homelessness and Housing Support
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 9:34 o'clock a.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

2. Disclosure of Interest

3. Minutes

Moved by Mayor McNamara, seconded by L. Coltman,
That the minutes of the Housing Advisory Committee of its meeting held
February 20, 2018 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

4. Presentation

Lorraine Goddard and Uma Venkataramaiah are present to provide a presentation entitled "Social Enterprise for Young People". The presentation is **attached** as Appendix "A". The highlights of the presentation are as follows:

- It is estimated that over 5,000 of our youth who face barriers are not in education and not in employment in Windsor-Essex.
- Many of our youth face roadblocks to opportunity including:
 - System barriers – (lack of mentors, role models or family supports who can help navigate the job market, expand their skills, and develop life skills)
 - Lack meaningful opportunities
 - Lack accessible and affordable transportation
 - Face structural discrimination (some employers perceive youth have negative attitudes, lack of work ethic, or lack motivation to do entry-level jobs)
- There is a skilled trades shortage costing Windsor-Essex \$600M every year. 82% of businesses who tried to hire staff in 2016 had trouble finding someone with proper qualifications.
- In 2017, there were between 400-500 jobs unfilled for builders to forklift operators.
- Suggestion to launch a 16 week paid pre-apprenticeship training program where participants are paid a living wage. (8 weeks of in-class training – working directly with unions and trades employers and 8 weeks of work placement).

L. Goddard requests organizations submit a letter of support for the United Way/Centraide Windsor-Essex County social enterprise proposal.

4. Business Items

4.1 T. Moore, Coordinator Housing Administration, and Development provides an update relating to the **Social, Housing Apartment Improvement Program (SHAIP)** as follows:

- SHAIIP is funded by proceeds from the province's carbon market which by law must be put towards programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save money on energy costs
- On March 23, 2018, notification was received that as a result of the final 2017-2018 carbon market auction, the confirmed allocation for Windsor Essex under SHAIIP is \$4,708,113.

In terms of the **Green Energy Fund**, T. Moore reports the allocation through the GreenOn Program has not been announced at this time.

T. Moore refers to the document entitled "Windsor Essex Federal **Provincial 2018 Housing Program Allocations and Take-up**" and adds the funding allocations for the programs have been established for 2018-2019. The following highlights noted in the document are as follows:

- Program years run from April 1 to March 31 each year.
- *Rental Housing* – Allocation from IAH-E and SIF combined for a total RFP amount of \$4,012,445M.
- *Rent Sup/Housing Allowance* – is a year-year program – 2018/2019 to 2023/2024.
- *2018 Homeownership Downpayment Assistance* – allocated at \$100K from IAHE and \$300K from the Homeownership Downpayment Assistance Revolving Loan Fund.
- *2018 Ontario Renovates Homeowner*: Allocation at \$200K from IAHE and \$100K from the Ontario Renovates Revolving Loan Fund - A \$5,000 grant is available for accessible renovations.
- SHIP, SHARP & SDV program funds allocated in 2016, For use in program years 2016, 2017 and 2018.

T. Moore states new mortgage requirements were recently announced by CMHC which may have an impact on funding take-up in the Homeownership Downpayment Assistance Program. The Homeownership Downpayment Assistance Program is funded by the Investment In Affordable Housing –Extension (IAH-E) funds . If the funds are not fully utilized within the fiscal year, they revert back to the province. For this reason a smaller IAH-E Homeownership Downpayment Assistance allocation was planned for 2018/2019 with the additional allocation being funded out of the Homeownership Downpayment Assistance Revolving Loan Fund to ensure full take-up of IAH-E funding allocations. It is noted that Homeownership Downpayment Assistance recipients must agree to a twenty year loan term under the program and any repayments received prior to the loan forgiveness period are allocated to the revolving loan fund.

K. Goz adds the By-Names Prioritized List (BNPL) was launched this week. The purpose of the BNPL is to prioritize services and supports to those persons who identify with the highest needs, i.e. persons experiencing chronic homelessness and the list will also prioritize youth, indigenous and/or veterans.

4.2 K. Goz, Coordinator Housing Administration, and Development provides an update relating to the **Windsor Essex Submissions for Program Funds** as follows:

In terms of the **Anti-Human Trafficking** (Ministry of Community & Social Services)

- Housing Services was party to an application submitted by Legal Assistance Windsor – WEFIGHT
- Legal Assistance of Windsor was successful with their application with MCSS and Housing Services received an allocation of Rent Subsidies through MHO specifically for Survivor's of Human Trafficking as party to this application.

In terms of **Innovation, Evidence and Capacity Building** (Ministry of Housing), Housing Services was successful with their proposal.

K. Goz provides the following highlights relating to the **Everyone Counts 2018: Point in Time Count** (Homelessness Partnering Strategy):

- Housing Services was successful with their application for additional funds to support the 2018 Coordinated Point in Time Count.
- The Point in Time Count in collaboration with the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness 20K Homes Registry Week and the Province of Ontario's Homeless Enumeration will occur April 16-18, 2018.
- Volunteers are needed for the street count portion of the event.

E. Hill leaves the meeting at 10:35 o'clock a.m.

K. Goz distributes the "Draft 2017 Windsor Essex Annual Report to the Community of the 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan" and requests HAC provide input and feedback relating to the document.

4.3 Secondary Suites

The Chair provides the following comments relating to the secondary suites discussion:

- Notes that the Planning Department has made no distinction between residential rental housing and secondary suites, whereas in every other community and city in the province, secondary suites have been identified.
- A request was made to the Planning Department to review the report relating to secondary suites before going to the Social Development, Health & Culture Standing Committee meeting scheduled for June 6, 2018.
- The Subcommittee recently met and recommended the following:

- a. The Planning Department Secondary Suites report to be provided to HAC prior to going to the Social Development, Health & Culture Standing Committee on June 6, 2018.
- b. The HAC subcommittee to meet and review the report to support or to identify concerns.
- c. The report to be provided to HAC to either support or to identify concerns.
- d. E-mail the City Planner before the June 6, 2018 meeting to either support or identify concerns.
- e. If HAC does not receive the report in advance of the Standing Committee meeting, that a meeting be convened with Mayor Dilkens.

C. Aspila indicates that the issue of secondary suites has been one of several high priority initiatives underway at this time. He adds the Manager of Planning Policy questioned when the subcommittee meets next as his intention is to bring forward the Official Plan Policies currently being circulated with administration to the subcommittee. He adds they are attempting to resolve issues with the Building and Engineering Departments.

5. Updates from Members

L. Coltman indicates that as she has received a scholarship from the University of Windsor to pursue a Master's Degree, she requests members of HAC provide topics for a research paper relating to locally based housing.

6. Date of Next Meeting

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

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 10:56 o'clock a.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR