



**City of Kingston
Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee
Meeting Number 01-2024
Minutes**

**Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.
In a virtual, electronic format**

Committee Members Present

Councillor Ridge
Councillor Tozzo
Jacqueline Collier
Ian Clark (arrived to meeting at 1:17 p.m.)
Tara Everitt
Nicki Gowdy, Councillor, County of Frontenac
River Hill
Hanny Philip
Adrian Tanjala

Regrets

Jane Bailey
Cathy Borowec

Staff Members Present

Amy Gibson, Manager, Housing & Homelessness
Mitchell Grange, Policy Manager, Housing and Social Services
John Henderson, Housing Program Administrator
Ruth Noordegraaf, Director, Housing & Social Services
Christine O'Connor, Committee Clerk
Nicola Reid, Housing Program Administrator
Iain Sullivan, Committee Clerk

Others Present

Martha Beach and Corey Compeau, Developmental Services Ontario
Mary Lynn Cousins Brame, Kingston & Frontenac Housing Corporation
Marijo Cuerrier and Julie Lambert, Downtown Kingston BIA

This is not a verbatim report.

Election of Officers

Mr. Sullivan called for nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair.

Moved by Ms. Gowdy
Seconded by Councillor Tozzo

That Councillor Ridge be elected Chair of the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Tozzo
Seconded by Mr. Philip

That River Hill be elected Vice-Chair of the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee.

Carried

Meeting to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Tozzo
Seconded by Ms. Collier

That the agenda be amended to include the addendum, and as amended, be approved.

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Mx. Hill

Seconded by Ms. Everitt

That the minutes of Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee Meeting Number 05-2023, held Thursday, October 19, 2023, be approved.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were none.

Delegations

- a) Marijo Cuerrier and Julie Lambert, Downtown Kingston BIA, were present and spoke to the Committee regarding the Welcoming Streets Initiative.

Ms. Cuerrier and Ms. Lambert conducted a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Welcoming Streets Initiative. A copy of the presentation is available upon request through the City Clerk's Department.

Ms. Collier thanked the delegation for the presentation and asked what the last slides would have been about. Ms. Cuerrier stated it would have been examples of the success of the program. Ms. Lambert gave examples of the work done. She stated that they had helped individuals regain their ID's and reconnect with healthcare support systems. She highlighted that they were also building relationships with the businesses downtown.

Mr. Tanjala thanked the delegation for their presentation. He noted that they were requested an extension of the programs funding and asked what the next steps would be. Ms. Cuerrier explained that if funding was extended the program would continue. She stated that she hoped to have at least two people on the streets helping full-time.

Councillor Tozzo asked what the background of the workers was and their skillsets. Ms. Lambert explained that her employee had significant experience in outreach. Ms. Cuerrier noted her employee had experience with addictions and correctional services.

Mr. Philip expressed his support for the program. He asked how members could get in touch to further discuss the program. Ms. Cuerrier explained the best way to connect was via their website.

- b) Mary Lynn Cousins Brame, CEO, Kingston & Frontenac Housing Corporation, was present and spoke to the Committee regarding the Kingston & Frontenac Housing Corporation.

Ms. Cousins Brame conducted a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Kingston & Frontenac Housing Corporation. A copy of the presentation is available upon request through the City Clerk's Department.

Ms. Everitt asked if community social housing fell in the middle of the housing continuum. She asked for clarification if the delegation had suggested people needed to move into different forms of housing. She noted the challenges for people to move into affordable or market rate housing. Ms. Cousins Brame noted that social housing was always intended to be more transitory in nature as people found supports and moved up the housing continuum. She explained that the lack of other options caused the low vacancy currently seen.

Briefings

- a) Ruth Noordegraaf, Director, Housing and Social Services, was present and introduced Martha Beach and Corey Compeau, Developmental Services Ontario, who spoke to the Committee regarding the Developmental Services Ontario – Supportive Housing Review Report.

Ms. Beach and Mr. Compeau conducted a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Developmental Services Ontario – Supportive Housing Review Report. A copy of the presentation is available upon request through the City Clerk's Department.

Ms. Everitt asked if the City was collecting statistics on those with developmental disorders and who were experiencing homelessness. Ms. Noordegraaf explained that the City does collect information but does not collect personal information like health details.

Business

- a) **Developmental Services Ontario – Supportive Housing Review**

This report was introduced via Briefing a).

The Committee did not provide further comment.

The Chair provided an opportunity for members of the public to speak. There were no members of the public present.

b) Standing Update Report – December 2023

Ms. Noordegraaf introduced the report. She highlighted that Council would be reviewing the municipal budget in January and more work would be coming before the Committee in the new year.

The Committee did not provide comment.

The Chair provided an opportunity for members of the public to speak. There were no members of the public present.

Motions

There were none.

Notices of Motion

There were none.

Other Business

There was none.

Correspondence

There was none.

Date and time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Tozzo

Seconded by Mx. Clark

That the meeting of the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee adjourn at 1:53 p.m.

Carried