



**City of Kingston
Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee
Meeting Number 02-2024
Minutes**

**Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.
In a virtual, electronic format**

Committee Members Present

Councillor Ridge, Chair

Councillor Tozzo

Jane Bailey

Jacqueline Collier

Ian Clark

Tara Everitt

Nicki Gowdy, Councillor, County of Frontenac (arrived to meeting at 1:02 p.m.)

River Hill

Regrets

Cathy Borowec

Hanny Philip

Adrian Tanjala

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

Derek Ochej, Deputy City Clerk

Iain Sullivan, Committee Clerk

This is not a verbatim report.

Meeting to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Mx. Hill

Seconded by Councillor Tozzo

That the agenda be approved.

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Ms. Collier

Seconded by Mx. Clark

That the minutes of Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee Number 01-2024, held Thursday, December 14, 2024, be approved.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were none.

Delegations

There were none.

Briefings

There were none.

Business

- a) **Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee – Input Request for 2024/2025 Work Items**

Ms. Noordegraaf introduced the report.

Ms. Collier noted that the revised mandate had requested that service providers appear before the Committee and asked if staff could arrange that again. She stated that it was critical for the Committee to hear from them.

Councillor Tozzo expressed support for additional meetings.

Mx. Hill asked how much the Get Involved Kingston website is involved in housing project decisions. They noted that housing was a major issue and that there is power in data. Ms. Noordegraaf explained that the site was used for some projects to gain public feedback. She stated that the Committee could suggest to staff that the site be used for more projects moving forward. She agreed that data was important and that consulting with individuals with lived experience was vital.

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

b) Standing Update Report – February 2024

Ms. Noordegraaf introduced the report.

Mx. Hill asked for an explanation of the Housing Accelerator Fund. They noted that it is difficult to capture individuals on the by-name list who couch surf and asked how a person ended up on the list. They asked for further clarification on the services used for the list and if it was consensual. Ms. Noordegraaf explained that the funding would be used to support various initiatives and support infrastructure. She noted that the City had received a significant amount of funding. Ms. Gibson stated that there were nine providers in the City that added data to the list. She confirmed that consent was required for an individual to be added to the list.

Ms. Bailey asked if the soon to be completed Homes for Heroes project would house the three veterans experiencing homelessness noted on the by-name list. Ms. Noordegraaf noted that staff had been in conversations with that group regarding tenancy.

Councillor Ridge asked for an explanation behind the seeming stabilization of the numbers on the by-names list. Ms. Noordegraaf stated that increased capacity could be a reason for the stabilization. She noted that the data would continue to be shared with the Committee going forward.

Councillor Tozzo asked for the percentage of the population captured by the list. Ms. Noordegraaf stated that additions were from individuals using services in the city. She further stated that the list was coming close to covering most of the population.

Mx. Hill asked if Addiction and Mental Health Services (AMHS) was involved in the by-name list. They asked for an explanation on the amount of public information that was available about the list. Ms. Gibson confirmed that AMHS was included in the system. Ms. Noordegraaf confirmed that healthcare information is not collected to ensure privacy. She noted that the City is working with Queen's University to establish a public facing dashboard. Mr. Grange stated that staff worked to input some data monthly and that the system continues to be built out.

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, April 11, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Tozzo

Seconded by Ms. Gowdy

That the meeting of the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee adjourn at 1:36 p.m.

Carried