



City of Kingston
Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee
Minutes

June 13, 2024

1:00 p.m.

Hosted in a virtual, electronic format

Members Present: Councillor Ridge, Chair
Cathy Borowec
Ian Clark
Jacqueline Collier
Tara Everitt
Nicki Gowdy
River Hill
Adrian Tanjala

Regrets Councillor Tozzo
Jane Bailey
Hanny Philip

Staff Present: Soren Christianson, Project Manager, Climate Leadership
Amy Gibson, Manager, Housing & Homelessness
Mitchell Grange, Policy Manager, Housing and Social Services
Allison Hannah, Committee Clerk
John Henderson, Housing Program Administrator
Lori Kidd Velkova, Housing Program Administrator
Julie Salter-Keane, Manager, Climate Leadership
Iain Sullivan, Committee Clerk

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Ms. Gowdy

Seconded by: Mx. Hill

That the agenda be approved.

Carried

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by: Mx. Hill

Seconded by: Mx. Clark

That the minutes of Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee Meeting Number 03-2024, held Thursday, April 11, 2024, be approved

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were none.

5. Delegations

There were none.

6. Briefings

There were none.

7. Business

1. Social Housing - End of Mortgages and End of Operating Agreements Update

Mr. Grange introduced the report.

Councillor Ridge asked if the interim funding agreement was intended to last until Council decides on the matter. Mr. Grange confirmed Councillor Ridge's statement. He explained how the funding system currently works and that the City has budgeted to provide the operators enough support. He noted that the operators still had an obligation to provide the Rent Geared to Income (RGI) units. He further stated that the framework proposed by staff would ensure funding well into 2026.

There were no members of the public present.

2. Standing Update Report June 2024

Ms. Gibson introduced the report.

Councillor Ridge noted that there was a lot happening in the report. He asked if the numbers would be updated in the future to reflect the project at the Extendicare property. Ms. Gibson pointed to the report and the 10 projects and 244 units currently listed and confirmed that new projects would be added to that list. She stated more projects were coming in 2025. She further noted that the Extendicare property would be adding 35 new transitional beds to the system.

Mx. Hill expressed support for all of the transitional housing coming online. They emphasized how important this type of housing support is.

There were no members of the public present.

3. Update on the Potential to Extend the Better Homes Kingston Program

Mr. Christianson introduced the report.

Councillor Ridge asked if there were metrics for the number of low-income households that have used the program. He expressed support for the new outreach and education being done on the program and noted that it appeared to be a question of ensuring people knew about it. Mr. Christianson stated that there were metrics but that he did not have them available at the current time. He confirmed that he could share them with the Committee and that it was a fairly small number.

There were no members of the public present.

8. Motions

There were none.

9. Notices of Motion

There were none.

10. Other Business

There was none.

11. Correspondence

There was none.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment

Moved by: Ms. Gowdy
Seconded by: Mx. Clark

That the meeting of the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee adjourn at 1:21 p.m.

Carried