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Windsor, Ontario April 26, 2016

A meeting of the **Housing Advisory Committee** is held this day commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in Room 407, 400 City Hall Square East, there being present the following members:

Marina Clemens, Chairperson
Councillor John Elliott
Mayor Gary McNamara, Town of Tecumseh (arrives at 9:05 a.m.)
Anna Angelidis
Fahimuddin Bai
Linda Coltman
Steve Govette
Eric Hill (arrives at 9:02 a.m.)
Jessica Kipping
Paul Renaud
Mike Van der Vlist
Angela Yakonich

Regrets received from:

Cheryl Porter
Jim Steele
Leigh Vachon

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Judith Binder, CMHC
Kelly Goz, Coordinator, Housing Administration and Development
Bill King, Manager, Planning Services, County of Essex
Rob Oleynik, Coordinator, Housing Administration and Development
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson calls the meeting to order at 9:00 o'clock a.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" **attached** hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT

None disclosed.

3. **MINUTES**

Moved by A. Angelidis, seconded by Councillor Elliott,
That the minutes of the Housing Advisory Committee of its meeting held January 19, 2016 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

4. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

4.1 **2016 Provincial Update – 2015 Consultation of the Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy (LTAHS)/2016 Provincial Budget/2016 Federal Budget**

R. Oleynik provides a summary of the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy Update and 2016 Provincial Budget/2016 Federal Budget as follows:

There are six themes in the Ontario Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy and 2016 Budget which includes:

1. **Appropriate and Sustainable Supply of Housing**
More Affordable Market Housing
Vibrant Non-Profit Sector
2. **Equitable, Portable System of Financial Assistance**
Framework for a Portable Housing Benefit
Simplified Rent-Geared-to-Income Calculations
3. **People-Centred, Efficient Housing Programs**
Modernized Social Housing Programs
Coordinated Access System
Transformation of Supportive Housing System
4. **Indigenous Housing Strategy**
5. **Key Steps to End Homelessness**
6. **Evidence-Informed System**

In addition to the provincial initiatives, the Federal 2016 Budget includes funding for the following initiatives:

- The Federal budget has made a commitment to give greater access to more affordable housing by investing in social infrastructure by allocating funds to First Nations, Inuit, northern communities; provinces and territories.

- Supports the construction of new affordable housing units, renovation and repair of existing affordable housing and measures to support housing affordability such as rent supplements.
- Supports the construction, repair and adaptation of affordable housing for seniors.
- Supports the construction and renovation of shelters and transition houses for victims of family violence.
- Supports communities to help prevent and reduce homelessness. Will be funded under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy.
- To ensure that these investments are most effective, the Federal Government will consult with provinces, territories, indigenous and other communities and key stakeholders in the coming year to develop a National Housing Strategy.

J. Binder adds funding will be delivered through the existing framework, i.e. \$30 million to support Federally administered non-profits and co-ops. The document provided by J. Binder entitled “Budget 2016 Investments in Housing to CMHC” is **attached** as Appendix “A”.

Mayor McNamara states the AMO and FCM have been strong advocates of the Housing Strategy. He indicates they are hopeful Minister Ted McKeekin will visit the City of Windsor the week of May 24, 2016.

4.2 2016 IAH-E Program Delivery Statistics

R. Oleynik provides an overview of the documents entitled “2015/2016 Multi-Residential Fire Sprinkler System Loan Programs” and the “Homeownership Program (HOP) Rollup 2016”.

In terms of the HOP Rollup 2016, R. Oleynik indicates \$300,000 is allocated and notes this program historically achieves a rapid full take-up. At this time, 400 applications have been requested and the maximum loan amount is \$20,000.

R. Oleynik reports Ontario Renovates is a labour intensive delivery program and full take-up is expected.

R. Oleynik advises there are approximately 900 rent supplement units in the City and the County.

A. Angelidis suggests in terms of the rent supplements, that dollars be allocated to other homeless populations as people residing in shelters cannot afford market rent.

4.3 Windsor-Essex Housing Connections – Housing First Update

K. Goz succinctly provides the following comments relating to the Housing First Update:

- In January 2016, the Downtown Mission became a partner of the Windsor Essex Housing Connection. The Downtown Mission is resourcing one integrated Support Worker to the team.
- In February 2016, the Mental Health Commission of Canada along with Pathways to Housing New York, conducted a Fidelity Assessment of the Windsor Essex Housing First model. It was recommended that additional positions would increase efficiency and effectiveness of the program. The following positions have been added – Intake Coordinator, Housing Intervention Worker and Program Developer.
- As of April 1, 2016, 74 households are currently supported by the Housing First team.

4.4 Point in Time Count – Homelessness Initiative Update

Information relating to the Point in Time Count as provided by K. Goz is as follows:

- The Point in Time Count was conducted from April 18-20, 2016. This initiative provides a national picture of homelessness creating a benchmark to assist in reducing homelessness that can followed over time. Current homelessness data for many communities relies solely on shelter statistics; however, this does not include “unsheltered” homelessness that occurs outside of shelter stays.
- The City of Windsor took a three pronged approach to the Point in Time Count – April 18, 2016 – Registry Week site survey; April 19-20, 2016 – Point in Time Count street surveys conducted over three shifts; and April 19 – Aboriginal Magnet Event survey site.
- There were 17 Registry sites (including three in the County) within organizations that serve the homeless population.
- Two hundred and forty (240) volunteers signed up for the street count with 1% no-show rate.
- Angela Yakonich assisted with the street count.

4.5 HAC’s Role – 10 Year Housing & Homelessness Plan

The Chairperson advises that the Subcommittee tasked to champion the implementation, evaluation and progress of the 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan met in February 2016. At that meeting K. Goz and J. Binder informed the sub-committee that a number of initiatives are occurring dealing with evaluation and required measurements from the province plus the Point in Time count and the completion of the annual report by June 2016 on the 10 Year Plan. All members felt it was premature for the sub-committee to move ahead with any initiatives on evaluation until it is known what the province and the federal governments will outline by September 2016. At this

point, the sub-committee will reconvene and determine how HAC can utilize the data for its own monitoring and evaluation of the 10 Year Plan.

5. UPDATES FROM MEMBERS

Fahimuddin Bai, Multi-Cultural Council provides the following information relating to the Syrian refugees:

- Approximately 623 Syrian refugees have been relocated to permanent accommodations (average stay in a hotel was approximately 23 days).
- An additional 570 Syrian refugees will arrive in Windsor between now and December 2016.
- Refugees numbering 250 from the Congo, Somalia and Iraq will also be coming to Windsor.
- Refugees are being interviewed by the MCC to determine education/language skills and to assist in their placement in the labour market.

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 10:35 o'clock a.m.

CHAIRPERSON

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR