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Windsor, Ontario February 10, 2015

A meeting of the **Housing Advisory Committee** is held this day commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the Town of Walkerville Meeting Room, 3rd floor, City Hall, there being present the following members:

Marina Clemens, Chairperson
Councillor John Elliott
Anna Angelidis
Dave Foley
Steve Govette
Gary McNamara
Heather McNamara
Cheryl Porter
Paul Renaud
Jim Steele
Linda Wilson

Guest in attendance:

Councillor Hilary Payne

Regrets received from:

Bill Bijl

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Chris Aspila, Policy Planning
Judith Binder, CMHC
Debbie Cercone, Executive Director of Housing
Kelly Goz, Housing Administration & Development Coordinator
Bill King, County of Essex
Rob Oleynik, Program Coordinator, Housing & Children's Services
Lucy Sobczyk, Manager of Housing Support Services
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson calls the meeting to order at 9:05 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 G. McNamara, seconded by D. Foley,
That the minutes of the Housing Advisory Committee of its meeting held October 8,
2014 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

4. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

4.1 **HAC Chair's Annual Report to the Social Development, Health & Culture Standing Committee**

The Chairperson provides an overview of the Housing Advisory Committee's 2014 accomplishments.

4.2 **Investment in Affordable Housing Program (2014 Extension) also known as IAH-E**

R. Oleynik indicates the IAH Program has been extended an additional six years to March 2020. He provides an overview of the Investment in Affordable Housing Program outcomes as of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014.

In response to a question asked by Councillor Payne regarding why there is such a difference between the unit take-up percentage and the number of households assisted in the City and County, R. Oleynik responds the discrepancy is due to less housing stock in the County and amenities such as hospitals and transportation (bus service) are located within the City. D. Cercone adds some programs are "application based" (first-come first serve basis) and there is no distinction between applications from the City or County.

R. Oleynik reports there have been no bankruptcies in the IAH Homeownership Down Payment Assistance Program since its original release in 2011.

R. Oleynik provides an overview of the "Planned Financial Commitments By Year" for year 1 (2014-2015) to year 6 (2019-2020). The salient points of discussion are as follows:

- Once new programs begin in April 2015, inability to shift between capital and operating components.
- Every program component (Capital and Operating) will be delivered in some form in year two (2015-2016) which includes Rental Housing, Homeownership, Ontario

Renovates – Homeowner, Ontario Renovates – Multi-Residential, Rent Supplement, Housing Allowance.

- Income and asset limits for Ontario Renovates are being increased. In terms of asset limit, the first \$20,000 is exempt and the first \$40,000 from RRSP's are exempt.
- New Fire Code requires sprinklers or additional staff for Housing with Related Support Providers.. Cost of sprinkler system is approximately \$100,000-\$200,000. Need to reallocate dollars to assist with the cost of compliance..
- Pilot Program “Ending the Wait” provides innovative and emerging residential support to address the needs of those with developmental disabilities. To enable a submission under the Pilot Program to the provincial Task Force, Windsor Essex Brokerage for Personal Support has requested an allocation of one Rent Supplement unit, four Homeownership units and four Ontario Renovates to assist persons with disabilities to demonstrate to the Province that persons with disabilities can sustain various housing options with the proper supports in place..

K. Goz states we have seen through delivery of Ontario Renovates that the seniors' populations are more concerned with maintaining equity of their homes for their children and are not interested in acquiring loans for Ontario Renovates projects.

G. McNamara suggests vacant schools be repurposed as housing for seniors and he notes the Town of Tecumseh is deficient in seniors' housing. He states a plan for sustainability would be necessary if the plan for repurposing is successful. He advises once a school is no longer required, the property should become a public entity.

The Chairperson suggests the Committee provide a list of some of these identifiable buildings, i.e. schools for repurposing. She proposes the possible formation of a subcommittee to review these sites.

J. Binder indicates a partnership with the private sector and non-profit group (Habitat) in London resulted in the build of 4 homes on the site of a former school. She notes she will facilitate bringing stakeholders to the table for a future meeting of HAC.

4.3 10 Year Housing & Homelessness Plan

The document entitled “The Windsor Essex 2014 Annual Report to the Community” is distributed and **attached** as Appendix “A”. K. Goz is requesting feedback/comments from HAC respecting this document and states a report will be forthcoming to Council in March 2015.

In response to a question asked by Councillor Payne regarding what is the total count of homeless individuals, K. Goz responds the count will be undertaken this year and indicates the need for a methodology to provide an accurate count in the City and County.

4.4 Secondary Suites

C. Aspila reports the Planning Department is awaiting direction from City Council on how to proceed with secondary suites.

J. Binder states it is mandatory that a city provide secondary suites and notes the issue is with the by-law.

4.5 Updates from HAC Members

The Chairperson reports she along with the Executive Director of Housing met with the Windsor Essex County Health Unit regarding the lack of reference to “housing within the community” in their document entitled “2014 Social Determinants of Health in Windsor Essex County”. G. McNamara states this matter was discussed with the Health Unit Board and states the lack of inclusion of housing in the document was an oversight and will be represented in the future.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 406, 400 City Hall Square East. Tuesday, April 28, 2015

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 10:50 o'clock a.m.

CHAIRPERSON

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR