



Minutes of the Men's Homelessness Committee

**July 22, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Electronic Participation**

Members Present: Mayor Sandy Brown
Councillor Debbie Sherwood
Councillor Joe Andrews
Anthony Carnovale
Christopher Sheehan
James Jackson
Louis Sapi
Margo Young
Michael Demczur
Nolan Bentley
Terrance Carter

Staff Present: Andrea Shaw

1. Appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair

That the Mayor Sandy Brown be appointed Committee Chair.

And that Councillor Debbie Sherwood be appointed Committee Vice Chair.

Recommendation: 01

Moved by James Jackson

Carried

2. Committee Training

Committee training was provided to the members by Tracy MacDonald, Clerks Division.

3. Member Introductions

Each committee member provided a brief introduction and personal background.

4. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None Stated.

5. Mayors Welcome and Background Committee Introduction

Mayor Brown provided some background information, the need for men's shelters within our community and the focus and hopes of the newly formed committee. The members are encouraged to view The Lighthouse project in Orillia as they completed a large housing needs project recently. There is a requirement to find men's shelter and housing solutions within our community.

6. Items for Discussion and Reports

6.1 University of Guelph Needs Assessment Survey and Report

Mayor Brown and member Louis Sapi provided some information and background on the University of Guelph Needs Assessment. Students at the University have begun to produce surveys, data and research but are awaiting on the committee to continue their research. A representative from the University research shop will be invited to attend the August meeting to explain their background and research on the housing needs assessment study.

6.2 Services and Housing in the Province (S.H.I.P.) at 236 First St.

Mayor Brown advised that Services and Housing in the Province (S.H.I.P) has purchased the old motel at 236 First Street. S.H.I.P is seeking to create this motel into a shelter. A representative from S.H.I.P. will be invited to attend a future committee meeting.

6.3 Potential Guest Delegation Invitations

Delegation requests have been received from former Councillor, Sylvia Bradley, the John Howard Society, Sara Clark and advocate for the Orangeville Food Bank, and Board members from the Orangeville Food Bank. Invitations will be sent for upcoming future committee meetings.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Orangeville Food Bank Housing Challenges Postcards

The committee has received a sample of the Orangeville Food Bank Housing Challenges postcard. Staff advised the committee that approximately 100 cards have been received and continue to be tracked. A member from the Orangeville Food Bank is being invited to the committee to delegate and inform the members further on the Housing Challenges Postcard campaign.

8. New Business

8.1 Mission Statement / Goals

The committee discussed the concept of a mission statement to assist in focusing their goals, objectives, and plans for the committee. Mayor Brown, assisted by Committee staff, will begin initial drafts and circulate them to the members for feedback and sharing of ideas. The mission statement will then be added to the August agenda for approval.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 12, 2021.

And committee meetings shall be scheduled for the first Thursday of the month unless otherwise called upon by the Chair.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourn.

Recommendation: 02

Moved by Michael Demczur

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Carried