



Minutes of the Men's Homelessness Committee

**August 25, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Electronic Participation**

Members Present: Mayor Sandy Brown
Councillor Debbie Sherwood
Councillor Joe Andrews
Anthony Carnovale
James Jackson
Louis Sapi
Margo Young
Terrance Carter

Regrets: Michael Demczur
Nolan Bentley
Christopher Sheehan

Staff Present: Andrea Shaw

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None Stated.

3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

That the minutes from August 12, 2021 be approved as presented.

Moved by James Jackson

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

Carried

4. Presentations

4.1 Orangeville Food Bank - Heather Hayes

The committee welcomed Heather Hayes from the Orangeville Food Bank. Ms. Hayes spoke in regards to the Housing Challenges Postcards and the background behind the establishment of this movement, the Food Banks experiences, and service level gaps experienced. In many instances when assisting, the individual has be to sent to Brampton or Dundalk due to the lack of options in the community. Ms. Hayes advised that the Orangeville Food Bank is willing to assist and support as needed.

4.2 Pastor Matt McLean of the Lighthouse

The committee welcomed Pastor Matt McLean from The Lighthouse. Pastor McLean updated the committee members on the soup

kitchen and initiatives to assist with housing through Teen Ranch. The Lighthouse serves meals Monday to Friday and sees approximately 25-30 patrons each day and this number has been increasing during the pandemic. Pastor Matt advised the members on their various experiences with the displaced and homeless within the community.

4.3 Randy Narine from Choices Shelter

The committee again welcomed Mr. Narine who provided an update to the committee on the needs required by Choices Shelter to continue the men's shelter program long-term. Mr. Narine indicated that secured sustainable funding is the first step required to continue planning operations. As from there a secured location, operation and service level plans can be initiated.

5. Items for Discussion and Reports

5.1 Mission and Values Statement

The committee reviewed the mission and values statement provided and requested the wording change from "people" to specify men to more specifically target the mandate of the committee.

Moved by James Jackson

That the Mission and Values statement be adopted by the Men's Homelessness committee with the suggested wording amendment.

Carried

5.2 Sub-committees

The committee discussed the option of Sub-committees to tackle specific tasks. Two initial task teams were created for Funding and External Liaisons and a Real Estate task force. Each of the members selected their preferred sub-committee based on their knowledge and skills.

The absent committee members will be contacted and placed accordingly.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Newspaper Article - Choices Shelter opens Men's Shelter

The committee members received the correspondence.

7. New Business

7.1 Communication

Member, Terrence Carter brought forth the request for communication to the public with an update from the men's homelessness committee that they shall continue even after the Choices Men's Shelter opening announcement. The committee would like to comment and clarify that they will be collaborating with Choices and other community groups for the betterment of the community. Mayor Brown, Councillor Sherwood and Administrator, Andrea Shaw shall arrange to meet with the Town's Communications Manager to discuss further.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 7 p.m.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Approved the by Committee on August 25, 2021 meeting.

Mission and Values for the Men's Homelessness Committee

Men's Homelessness Committee Mission Statement:

The Men's Homelessness Committee's mission is to provide a safe displaced men's transitional home, and to offer programs and services in support of the hopes and needs of people dealing with life issues.

Men's Homelessness Committee Values:

- We believe all men deserve to feel safe.
- We believe all men are deserving of accessible and welcoming service.
- We encourage, assist and support individuals to realize their self-worth and potential.
- We respect the dignity and value of all men, and their right to confidentiality.
- We strive to provide an environment where men and property are respected.
- We value community participation, partnerships and working cooperatively with others.
- We believe in utilizing resources effectively.