



Minutes of the Men's Homelessness Committee

**September 8, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Electronic Participation**

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

Members Absent: Louis Sapi
Nolan Bentley
Chris Sheehan

Staff Present: Andrea Shaw

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None Stated.

3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Recommendation: August 25, 2021

Moved by Terrance Carter

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

4. Presentations

No presentation at this meeting.

5. Items for Discussion and Reports

5.1 University of Guelph Needs Assessment

Contacts list and drafted survey questions distributed to the committee members for review. Consolidated feedback and comments due back to the University by September 9. No further updates were requested on the survey questions. Minor additions for the contact list were received and will be provided to the Research Team.

5.2 News Release update

As discussed at the previous committee meeting a news release was drafted and circulated to the members for review. The new release was withheld due to operating clarifications required with Choices Shelter. Mayor Brown has since spoken to Mr. Narine to clarify and an invitation for a walk-through of the Men's Shelter facility is scheduled for the members. The news release will be revisited with the Town's Communications staff for updates and release in the near future.

5.3 Sub-Committee update

Each of the members have selected their preferred sub-committee task force; Funding and External Liaisons or Real Estate.

Discussions resumed on exploring potential seed grant funding through CMHC, the short-term vs. long-term plans of the committee and the future possibility of the Dawson Road Fire Hall retrofitted into a shelter.

In the short-term the committee agreed to support Choices Shelter Men's Homelessness program. In the short-term, the BIA board has provided approval for donation jars at the Farmer's Market towards the Men's Homelessness issue. The committee agreed that the funds will be collected on behalf of Choices Shelter Men's program.

Meetings will be set up for each of the sub-committees in the next week with clear task/duties for each. Sub-committees are then report back at the next meeting.

Moved by Sandy Brown

That the Men's Homelessness Committee will support Choices Shelter and provide a donations jar at the Farmer's Market on their behalf.

Carried

6. Correspondence

None Received.

7. New Business

None Stated.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting is schedule for September 22, 2021.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Margo Young

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

Carried