



## Minutes of the Men's Homelessness Committee

**October 6, 2021, 7:00 p.m.  
Electronic Participation**

Members Present: Mayor Sandy Brown  
Councillor Debbie Sherwood  
Councillor Joe Andrews  
Anthony Carnovale  
Christopher Sheehan  
James Jackson  
Terrance Carter

Members Absent: Louis Sapi  
Margo Young  
Michael Demczur  
Nolan Bentley

Staff Present: Andrea Shaw

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### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

### **2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest**

None Stated.

### **3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Recommendation: September 22, 2021**

Moved by Joe Andrews

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

**Carried**

### **4. Presentations**

#### **4.1 Delegation - Al Garland**

Mr. Garland was unable to attend the meeting. The committee received the correspondence on affordable housing and food insecurities from Mr. Garland.

### **5. Items for Discussion and Reports**

#### **5.1 Notice of Motion for Choices Shelter Funding update**

Chair, Mayor Brown provided an update to the committee on the notice of motion and the updated motion on Monday, October 4 requesting that Dufferin County provide the additional support for homeless men for the

fourth quarter of 2021 and first quarter of 2022 for Choices Shelter. The motion passed unanimously, and this should assist in Choices receiving their emergency funding for the men's shelter program.

Director Anne McGregor and Warden White from the County of Dufferin provided a presentation to Council on Monday and advising them of their programs, services and support.

Mayor Brown will provide the committee members with an update of the County Council proceeding after the Thanksgiving weekend.

**5.2 University of Guelph Needs Assessment Update**

Email received from Meaghan Wrathall, University of Guelph on Monday, October 4 provided the response results of the community survey; 14 service providers and 58 community survey responses were received. The committee will receive the draft data analysis prior to the final needs assessment report in November.

**5.3 Sub-Committee Updates**

**5.3.1 Real Estate**

The committee discussed the tiny house shelter complex concept. Mayor Brown informed the committee that he will be speaking to Ms. McGregor at the County regarding the concept. Member C. Sheehan stated security risks that should be factored into under this concept.

**5.3.2 Funding & External Liaisons**

Chair, Mayor Brown has reached out to CMHC for information on the forgivable low interest rate financing they provide for renovations and new construction for such shelter housing. The committee is not currently ready to submit the application until the needs assessment and location has been approved.

Fundraising has continued by the committee members. The farmers' market donation table has raised \$1,000, the Boston Pizza event raised \$1,100 and Carters Law firm donated to Choices Men's Shelter as well.

**6. Correspondence**

The committee accepted member Margo Young's resignation.

Moved by James Jackson

That the committee receive the resignation from member Margo Young.

**Carried**

**7. New Business**

None Stated.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2021.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.