



Minutes of the Men's Homelessness Committee

November 3, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Electronic Participation

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

Members Absent: Louis Sapi
Nolan Bentley

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: October 20, 2021

Moved by James Jackson

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

Carried

4. Presentations

No presentations for this meeting.

5. Items for Discussion and Reports

5.1 Dufferin County Committee Report Update

The members received a link to the Dufferin County report to their Health & Human Services committee. The report states that Dufferin will recognize, and support Choices Shelter in their men's program no further action will be taken by the committee at this time in this regard.

The Mayor and Councillor Sherwood also discussed the presentation recently provided by SHIP and Mr. Carter advised of a report from the

Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness which mentions Dufferin County's services.

5.2 Clergy Reach Out Updates

A meeting invite will be released to the Clergy members for a roundtable discussion tentatively for Friday November 12. The invitation will be sent out this week by the Administrator to allow for a central flow of information and RSVPs.

Several stakeholders will be invited to the next committee meeting in 2 weeks on November 17 to participate in a round table discussion to assist in finding solutions to some challenges and gaps in finding immediate emergency shelter for those in need.

5.3 Sub- Committee Updates

No updates as the sub-committees have not recently met.

5.4 University of Guelph Needs Assessment

Mayor Brown provided a general overview of his discussions with M. Wrathall at the University of Guelph on the survey responses received. Data analysis will be shared with the committee at the end of the week and the full final report will be available at the end of November.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Citizen Article

The committee received the information and newspaper article on men's homelessness.

7. New Business

7.1 Encampment Strategy and Action Plan

Councillor Joe Andrews circulated a document from the City of Greater Sudbury on their Encampment Strategy and Action Plan for the committee to review.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2021.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.