Food Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee

Mandate

- To identify the urgent needs of citizens within the community for whom barriers exist to income security, sufficient nutritious food, and access of safe, accessible, affordable shelter/housing with adequate supports.

- To provide the opportunity for agencies to collaborate and to respond to urgent needs in our community as they emerge, to collaborate on appropriate preventative strategies, and to collaborate on systems planning.

- To provide information regarding urgent community needs and recommendations toward their resolution to Council via the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

- To provide an opportunity for other levels of government and all citizens/agencies with a keen interest in emergency food distribution and emergency housing needs to meet on a regular basis to discuss, and/or provide recommendations and/or undertake actions to address those needs for citizens of Hamilton who are hungry and in need of adequate shelter.
Food Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee

**Membership**

- Up to 5 citizen members and up to 12 program & service providers
- Advisory Committee supported by City of Hamilton staff liaisons
- Community partners
  - Ministry of Community and Social Services
  - Service Canada
- Annual election of Chair and Vice Chair
2008-2009 Accomplishments

Advocacy for Changes to Employment Insurance
- Identified challenges relating to eligibility criteria for laid-off workers to access Ontario Works while EI application pending
- Citizen Committee report went to E & CS recommending advocacy with Province for changes to EI eligibility criteria

Provincial Rent Bank Program
- Provided input to Community Services staff regarding local rules for Provincial Rent Bank Program
- Staff report came to Council on October 7, 2009.
2008-2009 Accomplishments continued…

**Homelessness Partnership Strategy Community Plan**
- Participated in review of Homelessness Partnership Strategy Community Plan

**Housing Targets for Hamilton’s Official Plan**
- Participated in consultation regarding Housing Targets for Hamilton’s Official Plan

**Emergency Food Strategic Directions**
- Member agencies worked with City of Hamilton to develop Emergency Food Strategic Directions
The Future 2010 – 2011 Objectives

Two reports to Emergency & Community Services Committee
- Recommendation regarding funding for services for refugee claimants
- Recommendations for review of Everyone Has A Home Strategic Plan

Continue to monitor emerging issues
FSHAC Members

Chair: Ron Sharegan
Vice Chair: Tom Heeney
Members:

Denise Arkell
Vaden Vincent
Larry Huibers
Jeff Wingard
Canon Wendy Roy
Reverend Thom Davies
Carmen Salciccioli
Joanne Santucci
Allison Jones
Geoffrey Roman
Brother Richard MacPhee
Craig Foye

Citizen
Mission Services
Neighbour to Neighbour
Salvation Army
Housing Help Centre
Social Planning & Research Council
St. Matthew’s House
Wesley Urban Ministries
Good Shepherd Centres
Food Share
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