Minutes: Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee  
Approved Thursday, September 11th, 2008 – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. 

Location: Mission Services, 50 Murray St., 2nd floor

PRESENT: Ron Sharegan, Denise Arkell (Neighbour to Neighbour), Harry Banfield (Salvation Army), Larry Huibers (Housing Help Centre), Jeff Wingard (SPRC), Carmen Salciccioli (GSC), Joanne Santucci (Food Share), Tom Heeney (Mission Services), Craig Foye (McQueston Legal & Community Services), Wendy Roy (St. Matthew’s House)

REGRETS: Geoffrey Roman, Allison Jones, Thom Davies (Wesley Ministries),

Also Present: Brian Kreps, Michele Attard (recorder), Dorothy Barr-Elliott (Public Health Services)

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**  
No additions to the Agenda.  Agenda was accepted as presented.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**  
None received.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
June 12th, 2008.  
Moved by Joanne Santucci, seconded by Tom Heeney and carried to accept the minutes of June 12th, 2008 as distributed.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS**

4.1 12 Month Work plan (Jeff Wingard/Brian Kreps)
Ron and Brian will meet to look at items for the 12 month work plan to isolate topics and discuss what will be the focus for Food Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee (FSHAC). Ron Sharegan will e-mail members a draft Annual Report for 2007/2008 in preparation to present on October 20th to the Emergency and Community Services Committee.

4.2 Update on Summer Food shortfall at the Food banks
Joanne Santucci said that all food agencies have stepped up to the plate regarding the food shortage concern this summer.

Joanne talked about the shortage of food in food banks this summer and said that the fall season will be even busier; food banks are in crisis due to fuel increases, the economy, child tax benefits, clothing allowances etc., the face of the people in food banks is changing. Mission Services had a 46% increase in the food bank this summer also.
Brian mentioned that Joe-Anne Priel is committed to work on emergency food planning.
Joanne will send members copies of reports from the Ontario Association of Food Banks (OAFB) for reference.

4.3 Update on Back to School/Winter Clothing allowance:
The report going to E&CS committee from Ontario Works Division on this same topic was presented this month.

4.4 Update on Terms of Reference (Brian Kreps)
Awaiting City clerks approval. Brian will be presenting these at the next council meeting.

4.5 Emergency & Community Services (E&CS) report
No updates

5. BUSINESS/Standing ITEMS

5.1 Affordable Housing Flagship (AHF)
   – Jeff Wingard
Jeff mentioned that supportive housing is a huge need in the community and how do we get this message in the plan.
Jeff informed members of the event hosted by the Affordable Housing Flagship on October 6th, called “Shovel Ready”. regarding affordable housing opportunities across Ontario.
5.2 **Emergency Food Action Committee (EFAC)**  
– Joanne Santucci  
The Emergency Food Action Committee had a meeting today to welcome staff within the city; project ends March 31, 2009. Food Share would like to ensure that all agencies have a reporting program from HIFIS in place before November 30, 2008. Joanne mentioned about the Ontario Hunger report for 2007 and questioned if this should be done yearly.

5.3 **Homelessness Partnering Initiative (HPI) – Brian Kreps**  
Brian announced that all funding have been allocated. City staff are in the process of developing a contract for the Bed Bug strategy proposal and will be putting out a call for proposals for the emergency food sector. Salvation Army Booth Centre mentioned that they had a problem with bed bugs in the shelter and had to close down a dorm, hopefully it will reopen by the weekend. Brian is in the process of drafting a report to council regarding the future of HPI which is due October 16th, 2008. Jeff recommended that a report go to council before October 16th due to the fact the RRAP program is also ending soon. It was suggested that this item be called “Community Advisory Board” (CAB) updates.

5.4 **Hostel to Homes (H2H) Pilot Project – Betty Lou Purdon**  
It was suggested that this item be an ongoing item and Betty Lou can report to the committee any updates.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 **Share the Warmth Update – Jeff Wingard/Denise Arkell**  
Larry and Denise met with City staff from Ontario Works it was concluded that they may not be able to decentralize the system. Ontario Works are open to the possibility of creating partnerships. It is early discussion at this time; an update will be presented at the October meeting.

6.2 **Homelessness Blueprint – Brian Kreps**  
Discussions are still in process regarding the Homelessness Blueprint. Brian will have an update for the next meeting.

It was suggested that this item be called “Emergency Shelter Report”
## 7. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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- Oct 22, 2008: FSH presenting work/achievements to E&CS committee.
  * Need to have report ready for J. Priel Sept. 22.

- Back to School/Winter Clothing Allowance: investigate options in finding an annual assistance for “back to school/winter clothing” allowances, due to the changes of the OCB tax credit.

- A system for shelters to report to FSHAC.