Food Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee

Presentation to
The Emergency and Community Services Committee

October 22, 2008
Mandate

To provide recommendations regarding social and health issues and policies that impact persons or communities for whom barriers exist to income security, food security and access to safe, accessible, adequate, shelter and permanent housing with, if necessary, appropriate supports.
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
  - Social Planning and Research Council
  - Ministry of Community and Social Services
  - Service Canada
- Annual election of Chair and Vice Chair
2007-2008 Accomplishments

**Food Banks**

- Identified needs within the Christmas Hamper Program and advocated for municipal support
- Forecasted summer food bank donation shortfall to which agencies responded with a coordinated donation drive

**Utility Arrears Program**

- Highlighted issues with program delivery and investigated solutions with city staff
2007-2008 Accomplishments continued…

**Affordable Transit Pass Program Implementation**
- Provided input on development of new program

**Ontario Child Benefit**
- Examined impacts on social assistance and Ontario Works/Ontario Disability Support Program benefits
- Presentation to the Emergency & Community Services Committee June 2008 regarding the impact of changes to Ontario Child Benefit
The Future 2009 – 2010 Objectives

Four reports to Emergency & Community Services Committee

- Utility Arrears Program Delivery Efficiencies
- Potential Changes in Emergency Shelter System in Blueprint
- Emergency Food Distribution System Plan
- Next iteration of Homelessness Partnership Initiative
FSHAC Members

Chair: Ron Sharegan Citizen
Vice Chair: Tom Heeney Mission Services

Members:

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Thank You