



## **Special General Committee Minutes**

### **Electronic Meeting**

**October 18, 2021**

Present: Councillor Akapo  
Councillor Baldwin  
Councillor Beamer, Chair  
Councillor Clarke  
Councillor Pappas  
Councillor Parnell  
Councillor Riel  
Mayor Therrien  
Councillor Vassiliadis  
Councillor Wright  
Councillor Zippel

Staff: Sandra Clancy, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cynthia Fletcher, Commissioner of Infrastructure and Planning Services  
Richard Freymond, Commissioner of Corporate and Legislative Services  
John Kennedy, City Clerk  
Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner of Community Services  
Mac MacGillivray, Facilities and Energy Manager  
Rebecca Morgan Quin, Manager of Housing  
Dorothy Olver, Program Manager Homelessness  
David Potts, City Solicitor  
Kathleen Staves, Records Management Coordinator  
Brendan Wedley, Manager of Communication Services

### **Opening of Meeting**

#### **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

Moved by Councillor Wright

That the Rules of Procedure (section 31.3) be suspended to permit members to speak more than three times to a single item.

Lost

## Reports

City of Peterborough Holdings Inc. Board Appointment

Report CLSCLK21-027

Moved by Councillor Riel

**That, if Council chooses to adopt the recommendation of COPHI's Board and its Governance and Nominating Committee respecting an appointment to the Board of COPHI, as set out in Appendix A of Report CLSCLK21-027, that Council adopt the following resolution:**

**That Mr. Louis O'Brien be re-appointed to the COPHI Board for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2022.**

Carried

Overflow Shelter Status and COVID Homelessness Response Update

Report CSSS21-009

(Report was deferred at the October 4, 2021 General Committee meeting)

The items were separated for vote.

Moved by Councillor Riel

**That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSSS21-009, dated October 4, 2021, of the Commissioner of Community Services, as follows:**

a) That the Overflow Emergency Shelter service at 210 Wolfe Street revert to an overnight service (12 hours per day) beginning December 1, 2021;

Moved by Councillor Pappas

That the Overflow Emergency Shelter service at 210 Wolfe Street revert to an overnight service (12 hours per day) beginning May 1, 2022.

Lost

b) That the agreement with Brock Mission to operate the Overflow Emergency Shelter service be amended to reflect the revised hours of service for the Overflow Emergency shelter and to explore opportunities to open the Overflow Emergency shelter for extreme heat or cold advisories;

- c) That staff be directed to use up to \$150,000 to be funded from the provincial Social Services Relief Fund to enhance the security measures in the neighborhood (e.g., provision of fencing around adjacent properties) as deemed appropriate by the Commissioner of Community Services;**
- d) That staff evaluate the effectiveness of the change in hours of operation at 210 Wolfe Street on the neighborhood, city enforcement services, and the Police and provide a report to Council following the first six months of implementation;
- e) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute such documents as are necessary to give effect to the outcome of the recommendations on terms satisfactory to the Commissioner of Community Services and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor.
- f) That staff work with Brock Mission and Peterborough Public Health to increase capacity at the Brock Mission shelter and shift the beds from the Wolfe St facility to the Brock Mission.**
- g) That staff report on the feasibility to use additional rent supplements as a replacement for shelter beds**
- h) That a letter be sent on behalf of City Council to the Ministry of Health requesting that a drug detox centre be established in Peterborough;**
- i) That City Council send a letter to the Police Services Board expressing their support for any efforts the Police Service Board is taking to deal with the concerns they have regarding Bill C-75 and if that includes a separate letter to the Provincial or Federal Government, that such be provided.**
- j) That the MP, MPP and relevant agency representatives be invited to meet with the Mayor, Warden and city staff to discuss matters related to housing and homelessness and harm reduction.**
- k) That staff be directed to pursue all options under the City's authority related to shelter operational policies, social assistance, and other housing program policies to ensure that the City funded shelters are not used as permanent housing options but rather are used for their intended purpose as temporary emergency shelter.**

Upon item a), the motion was lost.

Upon item b), the motion was Withdrawn.

Upon item c), the motion Carried.

Upon items d) and e), the motions were Withdrawn.

Upon items f), g), h), i), j), and k), the motions Carried.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Pappas

**That this meeting adjourn at 8:20 p.m.**

Carried

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John Kennedy

City Clerk

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Councillor Beamer

Chair