



**Mayor's Task Force
on Housing
Meeting Number 09-2019
Confirmed Minutes
Wednesday July 24, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
Stationview Room, City Hall**

Members Present

Councillor Mary Rita Holland; Co-Chair
Ted Hsu; Co-Chair
Councillor Bridget Doherty
Gennaro DiSanto
Tara Kainer
Kieran Moore
Francine Moore
Robert Rittwage
Martin Skolnick

Regrets

Mike Cavanaugh
Donna Janiec

Staff Members Present

Ruth Noordegraaf, Manager, Housing and Childcare
Derek Ochej, Committee Clerk

Others present

Members of the public were present

Meeting to Order

The Co-Chairs called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

The Committee consented to adding an agenda item regarding an update on the implications of Bill 108.

Confirmation of Minutes

The Committee consented to the approval of the minutes from Mayor's Task Force on Housing Meeting Number 08-2019, held Wednesday July 10, 2019.

Delegations

There were none.

Briefings

There were none.

Business

a) Discussion regarding early recommendations and areas of consensus

Councillor Holland led a discussion regarding the draft recommendations and areas of consensus.

The Task Force agreed on the following areas of consensus:

- The importance of moving quickly with regards to staffing shortages within the City's Planning Department. The hiring of a client relations manager was deemed critical. It was suggested that an ongoing report to Council regarding staffing be provided.
- Support should be provided for an increase in the number of secondary suites. Included in this support would be proactive enforcement of property standards by-laws by the City to improve the perception of secondary suites in established neighbourhoods. A City-led education component with respect to the rules and process for obtaining a legal secondary suite was also suggested.
- Deeper examination of the feasibility of tiny homes should be considered. This includes looking for municipally-owned property that would be an appropriate site for tiny homes and inviting representatives from the Tiny Town Association to address the Task Force.
- The need for further study/discussion regarding zoning and the impacts of inclusionary zoning, zoning by-law harmonization, etc.
- The issue of housing and general affordability and how to make housing more affordable overall. It was suggested that more examination on this topic be

undertaken within the scope of the 10-Year Housing & Homelessness Plan review.

Ms. Noordegraaf provided the Task Force with an update regarding the procurement process for consultants to complete the population and feasibility studies.

b) Discussion regarding implications of Bill 108

Ms. Noordegraaf provided the Task Force with an update regarding Bill 108 and the implications of its implementation on the recommendations of the Task Force.

c) Use of online forum for continuing discussion

Mr. Hsu advised the Task Force that a Google Groups Forum would be set up to allow Task Force members to provide comments regarding the draft recommendations.

Dr. Moore suggested that as part of the discussion the strategic titles used within the final report be aligned with the titles used in the 10 Year Housing & Homelessness Plan and the City of Kingston 2019-2022 Strategic Priorities.

d) Update from the co-chairs:

- **Briefing to Council on August 13**
- **Meeting with facilitator on September 4**

Mr. Hsu provided the Task Force with a review of recent meetings he attended with various stakeholders.

Councillor Holland provided the Task Force with a review of the meeting held with the Katarokwi Union of Tenants.

Mr. Rittwage provided the Task Force with a review of the Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee meeting held on July 23, 2019.

Councillor Holland and Mr. Hsu spoke to the briefing that they would be providing at the August 13, 2019 City Council meeting regarding the progress of the Task Force.

Ms. Noordegraaf advised the Task Force that Suzanne Gibson would be attending a meeting of the Task Force on September 4 to discuss with the membership the agenda for the September 16 meeting.

e) Discussion regarding stakeholders left to contact

The Task Force engaged in a discussion regarding additional stakeholders to be contacted.

It was suggested that the following stakeholders be contacted about making submissions to the Task Force:

- Ted Smith and Rob Hutchison regarding co-operative housing;
- Mary Lynn Cousins Braeme, CEO, Kingston & Frontenac Housing Corporation;
- Not-for-profit housing providers;
- Home builders and home builder associations.

It was determined that Mr. Ochej would reach out to the final list of stakeholders and request that they provide a written submission for review by the Task Force. The Task Force would then determine which stakeholders they would invite to address the Task Force.

Other Business

There was none.

Correspondence

There was none.

Date and time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Mayor's Task Force on Housing is August 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting of the Mayor's Task Force on Housing adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Carried