

Regional Clerk's Office
CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

REVISED AGENDA

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

Committee Room "A"
Administrative Centre
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, Ontario

March 19, 2008

2:00 p.m.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Page No.

A. DEPUTATIONS

1. None.

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. None.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Honourable John Gerretson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, August 30, 2007 regarding Hesperus Fellowship Village Seniors Apartments, City of Vaughan. **1**
2. Honourable John Gerretson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, August 30, 2007 regarding Reena Community Residential Building, City of Vaughan. **3**
3. Honourable John Gerretson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, August 30, 2007 regarding Mount Albert United Church Senior Citizens' Foundation, Town of East Gwillimbury. **5**
4. Janet Hope, Assistant Deputy Minister (Acting), Housing Division, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, February 18, 2008 regarding East Markham Non-Profit Homes Inc., Town of Markham. **7**
5. *Office of the Premier, March 17, 2008, regarding "McGuinty Government Announces Three Priority Programs to Kickstart Poverty Reduction Strategy."* **Attached**
6. *Office of the Premier, March 17, 2008, regarding "New Measures to Tackle Poverty, Build Opportunity."* **Attached**

D. REPORTS

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- 1. Accessibility Advisory Committee Report No. 1** **9**

February 27, 2008, providing for consideration by the Community Services and Housing Committee, Report No. 1 of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

**REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF
COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SERVICES**

- 2. Community Development and Investment Fund 2007 Annual Activity Report** **13**

March 13, 2008, recommending that:

1. Council receive this report for information.

- 3. Family Support Activities 2007** **29**

March 13, 2008, recommending that:

1. This report be received for information.

- 4. Eligibility Review Activities 2007** **35**

March 13, 2008, recommending that:

1. This report be received for information.

5. Federation of Canadian Municipalities National Action Plan on Housing and Homelessness 41

March 13, 2008, recommending that:

1. Council receive the two reports recently released by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities entitled *Trends and Issues in Affordable Housing and Homelessness* and *Sustaining the Momentum: Recommendations for a National Action Plan on Housing and Homelessness*.
2. The Regional Chair write to the federal Minister responsible for housing and homelessness and to the provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing expressing the Region's support for the directions in the two Federation of Canadian Municipalities reports.

6. 2007 Housing Provider Building Repair Funding 53

March 13, 2008, recommending that:

1. This report be received for information.

7. 2008 Housing Provider Building Repair Funding Plan 59

(Confidential Attachment: Security of Municipal Property)

March 13, 2008, recommending that:

1. The Commissioner of Community and Health Services be authorized to approve advances of additional subsidy pursuant to section 111 of the *Social Housing Reform Act, 2000*, to a housing provider for building repairs of up to \$500,000 in aggregate, subject to availability of funds in the approved budget. The Commissioner be authorized to approve and execute on behalf of The Regional Municipality of York all required subsidy advance documents and agreements, subject to prior review by Legal Services.
2. The Commissioner of Community and Health Services together with the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to jointly approve secured loans to a housing provider where building repairs will exceed \$500,000 in aggregate, subject to availability of funds in the approved budget. The Commissioners be authorized to jointly approve and execute on behalf of the Region all required loan and security documents and agreements, subject to prior review by Legal Services.

3. Annual commitments made, through an executed “Additional Subsidy Agreement” or secured loan agreement to housing providers to fund their required building repairs, that remain unspent at the end of the Region’s fiscal year be contributed to the Region’s Non-Profit Housing Capital Repair Reserve fund and withdrawn, as required, in future years to fulfil the funding commitments made to the housing providers under these agreements.
4. Staff review these authorities in the context of recommendations that will arise from the Provincial Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review and report their findings to Council.
5. Staff report annually advances of additional subsidy and secured loans made in support of building repairs.

**8. Federal Homelessness Funding Update –
Homelessness Partnership Initiative**

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(Confidential Attachment: Security of Municipal Property)

March 13, 2008, recommending that:

1. Council endorse the 2008 update to *The York Region Community Plan to Address Homelessness*.
2. Council approve the recommended initiatives, as identified in *Private Attachment 2*, to be funded 100% by the federal government’s new homelessness program, the Homelessness Partnership Initiative, with no tax levy impact.
3. The Commissioner of Community and Health Services be authorized to allocate the balance of the Homelessness Partnership Initiative funds for capital projects and other projects which fall within the Homelessness Partnership Initiative federal guidelines and *The York Region Community Plan to Address Homelessness*.
4. The Commissioner of Community and Health Services be authorized to execute purchase of service agreements under the Homelessness Partnership Initiative and any ancillary documentation to give effect thereto.

**9. Community Services and Housing Programs
January to December, 2007**

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Program Activity Report

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Note: There may be additional items considered that do not appear on this Agenda. Please refer to the Committee Report to Council for all items considered at this meeting.