

Office of the Regional Clerk
CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

REVISED AGENDA

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday September 10, 2003

Immediately following
Housing York Inc.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

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DEPUTATIONS

Lisa DiSera, Executive Director, York Region Food Network regarding York Region Pay the Rent and Feed the Kids Campaign.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Lindsey Reed, Executive Director of the Social Housing Services Corporation dated June 4, 2003 regarding Political Representation on the SHSC Board of Directors **1**
2. Barbara A. Leamen, County Clerk, County of Huron dated June 6, 2003 regarding Insurance Rates for Public Housing **3**
- 2a. *Lisa DiSera, Executive Director, York Region Food Network dated August 28, 2003, regarding York Region Pay the Rent and Feed the Kids Campaign.*

PRESENTATIONS

3. Kirsten Hill, Citizen Member of York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee
4. Cordelia Abankwa-Harris, Director, Policy and Program Support - Final Version of Understanding Barriers: York Region's First Annual Accessibility Plan

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5. **Accessibility Advisory Committee Report No. 5** **5**

August 6, 2003, providing for consideration by the Community Services and Housing Committee, Report No. 5 of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

**REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF
COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HOUSING**

6. Final Version of *Understanding Barriers: York Region's First Annual Accessibility Plan* 7

August 26, 2003, recommending that:

1. The amendments to the draft of *Understanding Barriers* based on the feedback received during the consultation and from the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee on the draft Plan be approved (*see Attachment 1*).
2. The final version of *Understanding Barriers: York Region's First Annual Accessibility Plan* be approved as amended in Attachment 2, subject to Council approval of the 2004 Budget.
3. The recommendations that fall outside of York Region's jurisdiction and mandate be shared with the appropriate jurisdiction to help inform their accessibility planning processes (*see Attachment 3*).
4. York Region permanently align each annual accessibility planning process with the Region's annual business planning process, beginning in 2004.
5. The final version of *Understanding Barriers: York Region's First Annual Accessibility Plan* be shared with the area municipalities, members of the Municipal Staff Reference Group and the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario for their information following the public launch in October 2003.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

7. Proposed Policy Changes to Eligibility Criteria for Child Care Fee Assistance 153

September 10, 2003 recommending that:

1. Regional Council approve policy changes to eligibility criteria for Child Care Fee Assistance as indicated in Section 4 of this report.
2. The Commissioner of Community Services and Housing be authorized to implement the changes effective January 1, 2004.

8. Family Support Activities 2002 157

August 22, 2003, recommending that:

1. The report of Family Support Activities for 2002 be received for information by Committee and Council.

9. Eligibility Review Activities 2002 163

August 13, 2003, recommending that:

1. The report on Business Services Eligibility Review Activities in 2002 be received for the information of Committee and Council.

10. Preliminary Findings of a Report on Homelessness Prevention in York Region 169

August 22, 2003 recommending that:

1. The short-term recommendations as outlined in *Attachment 1* be approved in principle and referred to the 2004 Budget process for consideration.
2. Staff report back early in 2004 with options that address the short-term recommendations presented in this report (*see Attachment 1*).

HOUSING

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COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HOUSING**

11. Armitage Gardens Legal Agreements 179

August 22, 2003 recommending that:

1. The Region be authorized to enter into the necessary legal agreements as set forth in this report to give effect to the relationship between the Regional Municipality of York and Housing York Inc. for the long-term management of Armitage Gardens, a 58 unit affordable housing project located on the Newmarket Health Centre site at 184 Eagle Street in the Town of Newmarket.
2. The Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute the lease for this site on behalf of the Region, subject to the review of the Regional Solicitor.

3. The Commissioner of Community Services and Housing be authorized to execute any other legal agreements on behalf of the Region, subject to the review of the Regional Solicitor.

**12. Armitage Gardens (Newmarket Health Centre Phase 3)
Community Rental Housing Program – Funding Received**

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September 9, 2003, recommending that:

1. *The capital budget for Armitage Gardens be adjusted to include unplanned expenditures and reflect the recently announced funding allocation from the Pilot Initiative of the Community Rental Housing Program (CRHP) to the Region in the amount of \$1,566,000, by way of a forgivable loan, making the final approved capital budget for the project \$8,431,702.*
2. *Regional Council authorize the Commissioner of Community Services and Housing to enter into a Provincial Contribution Agreement and any other necessary agreement with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) to access the above funding under the CRHP for such funding subject to the approval of the Regional Solicitor.*
3. *Debentures be issued to MMAH in the amount of \$1,566,000 for a term of 15 years or such other term as may be agreed between the parties as security for the above forgivable loan.*
4. *The Regional Solicitor be authorized to prepare the necessary by-law.*

**13. Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative
(Second Round Funding)**

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August 22, 2003 recommending that:

1. Staff be authorized to work with Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC), social service providers and the community, to make application for funding and update *York Region's Community Plan to Address Homelessness*, acceptable to HRDC and the Region, so that York Region may access the available new funding under the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI) Program.
2. The Regional Municipality of York continue the role of "Community Entity" under the SCPI Program and take all steps to assist the Federal government to administer the funds in York Region.

3. The Commissioner of Community Services and Housing be authorized to enter into such legal agreements as may be necessary to access Federal funding, subject to review by the Regional Solicitor.
4. Staff be authorized to do all things necessary to give effect thereto.

14. Federation of Canadian Municipalities National Housing Policy Options Team (NHPOT) 189

August 22, 2003 recommending that:

1. Regional Council approve further support of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) National Housing Policy Options Team (NHPOT) by providing a financial contribution of \$12,000 for 2003/2004.

15. Rental Supplement Program Activity 193

August 22, 2003 recommending that:

1. The following report be received for information by Committee and Council.

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.