

Hartford Ad-Hoc Committee on Emergency Shelter

1/14/21 Meeting Minutes - 5:00 PM

Committee Attendance: Michael Redmond, John Maclean, Dan Fraser, Becca White, Bryan Luikart, Brandi Briggs, Emma Behrens, Simon Dennis, Jon Chaffee and Tom Peletier.

Community Attendance: Martha Hafner, George Abetti

Dan Fraser called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM and called for amendments to the Agenda. There were none.

Simon gave a quick update regarding the shelters behind the State Office Buildings having been moved on 1/6/21.

Subgroup Reports:

Utilities and Permitting Subgroup

Becca reported that she is still waiting to hear back from Rick Oberkirch. Martha is also researching hand washing units.

Martha mentioned that Stan who is part of the Conestoga Build came to the jobsite and showed his diesel van heater for hut heating.

Emma has done some research on portable water units.

Governance Subgroup

Jon Chaffee reported he and Michael worked together to create a Contract and outline of the administrative structure. These documents will give an overview as to how the encampment would run and governed. The proposed structure includes a Sponsoring Organization, a Resident Group, a Advisory Group and a Site Coordinator.

Structure Design Subgroup

George reported that he has not been able to reach the engineer yet, but that he has a more open week coming up and will get something sent out to the group soon.

Location Subgroup

John reported that we had ruled out a Manning Street location but that we were looking at a new property, and will be meeting again on 1/21/21 to discuss this property further with Lori Hirshfield and Jo-Ann Ells.

Discussion of any other business needed to come before the Committee

George mentioned that he is in favor of not relying on Municipal Dollars to fund this project. He also mentioned that this budget would likely include a coordinator position

to be funded. Simon agreed that the money would best be gathered from the philanthropic sources. The Committee seemed unanimous in their support of this approach.

It was also mentioned that there is value in restricting the Committee's work to looking forward to the creation of a permitted encampment rather than anything to do with past efforts or existing dwellings.

Emma moved to approve the minutes 1/7/21. Becca seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Subsequent Meetings

It had previously been agreed that HADCES would meet next Thursday, 1/14/21 at 5:00 PM. The link to participate is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82151493221>.

Becca moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 PM. Michael seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Simon Dennis, Committee Secretary