



**Joint Planning and Housing and Community Services Committee
Minutes**

Meeting #: 1
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2026
Time: 10:30 am
Location: Andrew S. Haydon Hall, 110 Laurier Avenue West, and by electronic participation

Present: Chair Laura Dudas, Chair Jeff Leiper, Vice-Chair Jessica Bradley, Vice-Chair Glen Gower, Councillor Riley Brockington, Councillor David Brown, Councillor Marty Carr, Councillor Cathy Curry, Councillor Laine Johnson, Councillor Theresa Kavanagh, Councillor Clarke Kelly, Councillor Rawlson King, Councillor Catherine Kitts, Councillor Wilson Lo, Councillor Stéphanie Plante, Councillor Tim Tierney, Councillor Ariel Troster

Absent: Councillor David Hill

1. Notices and meeting information for meeting participants and the public
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 Accessible formats and communication supports are available, upon request.
 Except where otherwise indicated, reports requiring Council consideration will be presented to Council on April 8, 2026 in Joint Planning and Housing and Community Services Committee Report 1.

The deadline to register by phone to speak, or submit written comments or visual presentations is 4 pm on March 23, 2026, and the deadline to register to speak by email is 8:30 am on March 24, 2026.

2. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

3. Community and Social Services Department

3.1 Five Year Review of the 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan

File No. ACS2026-CSS-GEN-006 – City-wide

Clara Freire, General Manager, Community and Social Services, and Kale Brown, Director, Housing, presented an overview of the report and answered questions from the Committee. A copy of the slide presentation is filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

Debbie Stewart, General Manager, Strategic Initiatives, and Lily Xu, Director, Housing Solutions, Real Estate and Investments Services (Strategic Initiatives Department) also answered questions from Committee.

Committee received the following written submissions on this item, and copies are on file with the City Clerk:

- Warren Waters (Federation of Citizens Associations) email dated March 21
- Elizabeth McAllister email dated March 23

The following members of the Housing and Homelessness Leadership Table spoke before the Committee on the item:

- Kaite Burkholder-Harris (Ottawa Alliance to End Homelessness)
- Marisa Moher (Youturn Youth Support Services)
- Mark MacDonald (Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa) – speaking notes on file
- Andrea Poncia (Coalition of Community Health and Resource Centres)

The following members of the public spoke before the Committee on the item:

- Benjamin Apori
- Josiah Frith (Lowertown Community Association)
- Mike Bulthuis (Ottawa Community Land Trust)
- Warren Waters (Federation of Citizens Associations) – slides on file

Following discussions, the Committee considered the report recommendation(s) and motion as follows:

Report recommendation(s)

That the Joint Planning and Housing and Community Services Committee recommend Council:

1. **Approve the refreshed 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan 2026-2035 attached as Document 1 as the framework to guide the City's efforts over the next ten years to address local housing and homelessness needs.**
2. **Direct the Deputy City Treasurer, Corporate Finance, in consultation with the Director, Housing and Homelessness Services and the Director, Housing Solutions, Real Estate and Investment Services, to undertake a review and update of the Housing Services Long Range Financial Plan and report back to Committee and Council during the next term of Council.**
3. **Direct staff to update Planning and Housing Committee and Community Services Committee annually by memo on the 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan's achievements and progress towards meeting the stated goals and objectives.**

Carried as amended

Motion No. PHC-CSC 2026-01-01

Moved by S. Plante

WHEREAS the City currently uses varying definitions of housing types—including shelters, transitional housing, supportive housing, social housing, student housing, and private market housing—across departments;

AND WHEREAS inconsistencies between planning (zoning/land use) and service-based definitions create confusion in policy, approvals, and public understanding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to review and align definitions of housing types across all relevant City departments, including Planning and Community and Social Services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff report back with a harmonized framework and any recommended updates to the relevant planning policies, bylaws and program frameworks, in alignment with the 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Strategy.

Carried

4. Adjournment

Next Meeting: to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 2:16 pm.

E. Pelot, Committee Coordinator

Councillor L. Dudas, Chair

Councillor J. Leiper, Chair