



Minutes

Human Services Planning Board

September 16, 2022

Electronic Meeting

Co-Chairs: J. Heath, R. Shields

Members: C. Bisanz, M. Braithwaite, E. Chang, C. Emanuel, W. Emmerson, C. Grant, M. Mahdy, E. Pivato, D. Rokos, D. Stolte, J. Taylor, A. Wilson, C. Beer (Advisor), D. Chong (Advisor), N. Din (Advisor), A. Lam (Advisor)

Staff: L. Alfieri Sladen, M. Backs, M. Brumwell, S. Cameron, K. Chislett, C. Clark, T. Cline, D. Cohen, J. DeGagne, B. Landry, B. Macgregor, R. McPhail, Dr. B. Pakes, K. Pal, S. Parshad, R. Ramos, J. Silva, J. Smith, I. Soneji, L. Volpe

A. Call to Order

Rebecca Shields, Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

B. Disclosures of Interest

None

C. Opening Remarks

Rebecca Shields provided an overview of procedures for this meeting and made the following remarks:

“We acknowledge the land we are meeting on today is located on the traditional territory of many Indigenous peoples such as the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat and Métis peoples and the treaty territories of the Haudenosaunee, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Williams Treaties First Nations.

York Region falls under the Nanfan Treaty, Treaty 13 and the Williams Treaties. There are also other land claims and treaty rights involving portions of York Region that have not been resolved.

The Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation is a Williams Treaty First Nation and the closest First Nation community to York Region.”

D. Commissioner's Update

Katherine Chislett, Commissioner of Community and Health Services provided updates as follows:

- Retirement of Medhat Mahdy, President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Toronto
- Challenges faced due to COVID-19
- Overview of achievements of the Human Services Planning Board over the past four years, with particular focus on the Community Safety and Well Being Plan
- Thanks to all members of the Board for contributing to positive change within York Region, with special thanks to Co-Chairs - Regional Councillor Heath and Rebecca Shields

Several members of the Board then provided highlights and successes of the Board's past term.

E. Presentations

E.1 Integration of Employment Services, York Region

The Board received the presentation by Louise Duncan, Transformation Director, WCG Canada.

E.2 Update on the 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan and the Affordable Private Market Housing Implementation Plan

The Board received the presentation by Jody DeGagne, Director, Housing Strategy & Program Delivery, Housing Services, York Region and Sarah Cameron, Senior Planner, Planning and Economic Development, York Region.

E.3 Recommendations for the 2023-2026 Human Services Planning Board

The Board received the presentation by Janel Smith, Senior Policy Analyst, Community Innovation and Partnerships, York Region.

F. Deputations

None

G. Communications

None

H. Other Business

H.1 Medhat Mahdy - Retiring

The retirement of Medhat Mahdy, President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Toronto was announced by Rebecca Shields, Co-Chair of the Human Services Planning Board. Medhat thanked Members of the Board and in particular, Mayor Taylor for recommending him for the Board.

H.2 Senior-Friendly Tablets

Noor Din, CEO of Human Endeavour announced the release this week of a tablet designed for seniors with early Alzheimer's and Dementia.

I. Adjournment

The Human Services Planning Board meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.