

**TOWN AND GOWN COMMITTEE  
Housing Working Group**

*January 16th, 2013 – 4:30 p.m.*

*Ottawa City Hall – Honeywell Room*

**MEETING SUMMARY**

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PRESENT: Nathaniel Mullin, Andrew Arcand, Hugh Feguson, Salam Hawa, Diane Beckett, Claire MacDonald, Betsy Mann, John Dickie, Craig Calder, Peter McRae, Jan Finlay, Christopher Collmorgen, Mario Jacob, Michelle Ferland.

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Nathaniel thanks those in attendance and asks for a quick roundtable for each to introduce themselves.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The working group agrees with the agenda.

**3. MANDATE OF THE WORKING GROUP**

After modifying the originally proposed mandate, the group adopts the following mandate:

“To discuss study, recommend and find ways to implement policies, by-laws, actions and practices aimed at improving the overall condition and quality of rental housing within Sandy Hill; be it existing or proposed. The group will also discuss planning policies at the municipal level as they relate to improving the condition and quality of housing within Sandy Hill.”

**4. LEADERSHIP OF THE WORKING GROUP**

Nathaniel highlights to the group the fact that this group’s chairmanship is still open and that interested parties should come forward. The Councillor’s office is not in a position provide ongoing resources to manage both working groups.

**5. WORK PLAN AND POTENTIAL INITIATIVES**

Potential items for working group action:

- Conversions of single family homes

- What are the rules around rooming houses and why can a property operate so closely to a rooming house model?
- Work on engaging the university in constructing additional residences
- Work on an off-campus code of conduct
- Education of new tenants on their rights and their responsibilities
- Work to engage absentee and problematic landlords; possibly start a landlord school, such as the one which existed in Hintonburg
- Density of the student housing is also an issue as it is easy to lose an entire block to problem addresses.
- Derelict properties (whether they be private or university-owned)

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6pm. The next meeting will be on February 22nd at 4:30pm in the boardroom of the Sandy Hill Community Centre.