



COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	December 1, 2021
SUBJECT:	Community Information Night Cathedral Shelter (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Grace Mater General Manager Healthy and Safe Communities Department
SIGNATURE:	

On December 6, 2021, the Housing Services Division will be hosting a community conversation regarding the future use of the Cathedral Shelter, formally the Cathedral School located at 378 Main St. East.

The old Cathedral School has been operating as a temporary overflow men's shelter since July 2020. This overflow shelter has been operated by the Good Shephard agency. The Housing Services Division will be facilitating a virtual community meeting on December 6, 2021 from 5:30pm – 6:30pm. This meeting will include a brief staff presentation on the future use of this temporary shelter location and provide an opportunity for the community to ask questions and have their concerns addressed.

Key event details:

Date: December 6, 2021 from 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Register: Participants can register by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/cathedral-shelter-community-meeting-tickets-217047614257>

Invitees: Nearby residents

The community meeting will be promoted via email to local residents, delivery of event flyer to nearby addresses, and via the City's social media accounts. Additional promotion and outreach will occur based on the capacity of the Housing Services Division.

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The Housing Services Division is scheduled to present a report at the December 9, 2021 Emergency & Community Services Committee that will provide a snapshot of housing and homelessness in Hamilton, including the City's plans for ongoing transformation of the shelter system, capacity, and winter plans.

Should you require any further information on this event please contact James O'Brien, Senior Project Manager, Housing Services Division at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 3728 or via email at james.o'brien@hamilton.ca.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

None