



HAMILTON URBAN CORE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE
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Neighbourhood Liaison Table (NLT)

Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2026

Meeting Location: 276 Aberdeen Ave, Coach House

Attendees: Joel MacLeod (Chair), Simone Atungo (HUCCHC), Monika Abdelmaseh (De dwa da dehs nye>s), Norm Buckley (Resident), Greg Cowell (Resident), Ruth Greenspan (Resident), Yvonne Stroikos (Resident), Leah Fuller (Resident), Kaywana Gargarello (Resident), Tobi Bruce (Resident).

Regrets: Mathieu Payette (Resident), Kim Ritchie (Lived Experience)

Meeting Notes: J. MacLeod

1. Welcome

- i. R. Greenspan, the Co-Chair, called the meeting to order and began by reading the land acknowledgement.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- i. The Co-Chair asked for table members to declare any conflicts of interest. K. Gargarello declared that she works for the City of Hamilton; however, is participating at the NLT as a resident.

3. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- i. The Co-Chair tabled the minutes from the previous meeting.
- ii. The table accepted the minutes as presented.

4. Community Engagement Session

- i. The Co-Chair invited J. MacLeod to debrief the table on the Virtual Community Engagement Session that happened on March 6th.
- ii. J. Macleod stated that overall, the online format worked well compared to the October 15th Community Engagement Session.



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- iii. The focus of the meeting was to profile the community partners Hamilton Urban Core is working with to implement the HART Hub program.
- iv. G. Cowell mentioned that he did not attend the meeting; however, he heard criticism from some meeting participants that they were dissatisfied with how the meeting was conducted because they couldn't ask questions throughout the session, and that some thought that the presentations were redundant.
- v. J. Macleod noted that the goal of the meeting was to showcase the breath of partner organizations working with Hamilton Urban Core and to provide a better understanding of the HART Hub model.
- vi. J. Macleod also highlighted that the format allowed us to keep questions going rather than having time monopolized by just a few people, as sometimes happens at in person town halls.
- vii. He also mentioned that there was ample time allotted for questions and at least 30 minutes was set aside for the Q & A portion of the agenda.
- viii. J. Macleod invited NLT members who were unable to attend the community engagement session to view it on Hamilton Urban Core's You Tube channel.
- ix. L. Fuller pointed out that there was some criticism about the timing of the event which took place on a Friday evening.
- x. G.Cowell reiterated that some residents felt it was a sign of Hamilton Urban Core trying to hide something.
- xi. S. Atungo commented that future dates could be adjusted to accommodate resident and community members schedules.
- xii. L. Fuller suggested Tuesdays would be ideal and S. Atungo noted that this feedback is helpful and will be brought back to the organization for discussion when planning future Community Engagement Sessions.
- xiii. G. Cowell asked what the final numbers were for people who attended the session.
- xiv. J. Macleod confirmed that approximately 100 people attended the virtual session.



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5. Program and Site Update

- i. The Co-Chair invited S. Atungo to provide an update on the Site readiness progress for the Residential Treatment & Recovery program to be located at 276 Aberdeen Avenue.
 1. 14 beds / 90-day stays
 2. No visitors
 3. Escorts to appointments
 4. Security guard presence
 5. Programming limited to coach house
 6. Discussion about commercial kitchen
 7. Parking and staff count discussion not reflected
- ii. S. Atungo confirmed that the building permits for construction from the City of Hamilton was approved last week and the architect and contractor are targeting construction to begin April 22nd.
- iii. K. Gargarello asked if signage will be posted in time for the neighbourhood to be notified of the building renovations.
- iv. S. Atungo confirmed signage will be posted in accordance with the City of Hamilton's By-Laws prior to construction beginning. The standard notice poster will be affixed in the front window at 276 Aberdeen Ave.
- v. K. Gargarello asked how neighbours will notify Hamilton Urban Core if there are any concerns or disruptions that occur because of noise or mess as part of the construction.
- vi. S. Atungo mentioned that residents can contact the Centre at mhathub@hucchc.com
- vii. It was suggested that there should be signage posted with a QR Code linking back to the Hamilton Urban Core website to answer questions from neighbours and community members about the HART Hub and its opening date.
- viii. K. Gargarello suggested that there might be an identified contact person at Hamilton Urban Core for neighbours to connect with directly, if needed.



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6. Community Outreach Planning

- i. The Co-Chair opened discussion regarding how the local Kirkendall Neighbourhood should be engaged and updated during the construction process.
- ii. The table suggested dropping notices to residences in the immediate neighbourhood of 276 Aberdeen informing them of the initiation of the construction process.
- iii. L. Fuller suggested using Councillor Maureen Wilson's newsletter to update the neighbourhood. She also mentioned that there is a town hall scheduled on April 16th with the Kirkendall Neighbourhood Association.
- iv. G.Cowell reiterated that it would be a good opportunity to talk with the Kirkendall Association and connect with the president and executive committee.
- v. T. Bruce stated that the neighbourhood compost drive might be another good avenue to piggyback on to leave notices on people's doorsteps.
- vi. L. Fuller and G. Cowell noted that it is important to reach out to Councillor Wilson's office and speak with Stephanie Hilson to inquire about using the Councillor's newsletter as a regular communication channel.
- vii. J. Macleod confirmed that Councillor Wilson has been included in all outreach activities to date with regards to the HART Hub, so she is aware of everything being done. However, he mentioned that he will reach out to Stephanie Hilson again to follow up.
- viii. L. Fuller stated that the Hamilton Police Ward 1 Liaison will be attending both upcoming meetings. This will present a good opportunity to meet them and request representation from the Hamilton Police at the NLT meetings.



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7. Wrap-Up and Closing Reflections

- i. J. MacLeod stated that he'd follow up with both Stephanie Hilson and the Kirkendall Neighbourhood Association about attendance at the April 16th event.
- ii. No other business was stated.
- iii. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.