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PRESENTATION CONCERNING A SHIFT GOVERNMENT PROJECT REGARDING STUDENT AND SENIOR HOMESHARE PILOT OPPORTUNITIES

Mayor, J. Lehman provided a presentation to the Committee concerning a Shift Government Project regarding a proposal for a Student and Senior Homeshare Pilot Program.

Mayor Lehman discussed the following information:

- An overview on the Shift Government initiatives dedicated to route problems and prevention such as aging in place, food support, and the Opioid crisis;
- The Shift Government Team;
- Examples of successful Student and Senior Homeshare programs in the municipalities of Hamilton and Toronto;
- The concept of the Homeshare Program:
 - Partnership with Georgian College;
 - A coordinator position set up by Georgian College for the Pilot Program;
 - Connecting seniors with students;
 - o Students enrolled in program with experience, nursing, social services etc.;
 - Student assisting with food, odd jobs, shoveling snow etc.;
 - Low rent costs:
 - Forming a relationship and eliminating isolation of seniors and students;
 - A framework agreement assisting on how they want to live and developing a relationship.
 - A helpline to assist with issues or challenges;

The Committee asked a number of questions to Mayor Lehman and City staff and received responses.