

	<b>MISSION SUSTAINABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE</b>
<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>	
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**1. PURPOSE**

To provide information and recommendations to Council concerning the ongoing challenges of affordable and sustainable housing impacting a broad array of Mission citizens and to identify potential solutions for increasing the supply of affordable and accessible housing and shelter in the City of Mission.

**2. DURATION**

The Committee will exist for an on-going period until further directed by Council.

**3. RESPONSIBILITIES / DELIVERABLES**

The Committee will:

- a. Advise on the implementation of the Affordable Housing Strategy to address the shortage of housing units in Mission, and particularly rental and affordable rental units;
- b. Research affordable housing incentives for developers;
- c. Investigate the feasibility of providing incentives to landlords providing affordable rental units;
- d. Compile data and provide a systematic response to tracking trends to better understand housing and shelter supply and the needs of various population types;
- e. Advise Council on progress and bring recommendations forward as needed;
- f. Promote awareness of the importance of affordable housing within the community;
- g. Utilize inter-committee sharing of information.

**4. AUTHORITY**

- a. The Committee was established under Council resolution number RC16/388 on July 4, 2016. Issues are discussed and recommendations forwarded to Council through the Staff Liaison for consideration.
- b. The Committee does not have the authority to give direction to City staff or to commit to expenditures of City funds or resources. Action recommended by the Committee must be carried out by Council resolution.
- c. The Committee cannot refer a matter or task to a third party. Any request for clarification or outside resources must be brought back to Council in the form of a staff report.
- d. The Committee may undertake multiple initiatives, however, if staff resources are required only one initiative at a time is undertaken or as staff resources are available.
- e. The Committee may create separate working groups from the membership roster to complete specific additional tasks. The Committee may not, however, assign staff

resources to those working groups independently and they must identify a timeline when a working group is created.

- f. These Terms of Reference are established by Council and can only be altered by Council. Changes to the Terms of Reference can be suggested by the Committee in the form of a staff report to Council.

## 5. MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION

- a. There will be a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 13 **voting members** (including Council representatives), who may include the following:
  - i. One (1) Council representative, and alternate (see section d.)
  - ii. One (1) member from Fraser Health Authority
  - iii. One (1) member Indigenous Housing Provider
  - iv. One (1) member from Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
  - v. One (1) member from Mission Association for Community Living
  - vi. One (1) member from Mission Association for Senior's Housing
  - vii. One (1) member from Mission Community Services
  - viii. One (1) member from SARA for Women
  - ix. One (1) housing provider/builder/agency
  - x. One (1) member from Community Living BC
  - xi. Three (3) citizen representatives
- b. . Term of Public Appointments
  - i. The term shall be for 2 years and may include repeat appointments.
  - ii. Council may remove a member of the Committee by resolution.
  - iii. Council may appoint members to fill vacancies for the unexpired term of former members.
- c. Appointment of Chair
  - i. The Council representative shall serve as the Chair of the Committee. The Alternate Chair will be the Council member who is appointed as the alternate Council representative.
  - ii. If a non-Council representative is to serve as the Chair/Alternate Chair, a request must be made to Council through a staff report containing the Committee's recommendation for the appointment.
  - iii. If both the Chair and Alternate Chair are absent from any meeting, the Staff Liaison shall assume the role of acting Chair for that specific meeting, provided there is a quorum to continue with the business of the meeting
- d. Council Representation
  - i. One (1) appointed Council representative will be a voting member of the Committee. The Council representative will participate in discussion and debates, listen to feedback, and ask questions but will not direct the Committee towards a specific recommendation.

- ii. There is also one (1) appointed alternate Council representative, who may attend meetings but shall only participate as a voting member when they are attending on behalf of/in the place of the regular representative.
- iii. The appointed Council representative(s) will also provide an impartial communication channel between the Committee and Council.

e. Staff Liaison

- i. The City will appoint a Staff Liaison, who will be assisted by a Recording Secretary, to provide support and expertise to the Committee.
- ii. The Staff Liaison and Recording Secretary are not members of the Committee and are not entitled to make motions or vote.
- iii. The responsibilities of the Staff Liaison are outlined in the Committees of Council Policy ADM.41(C), include, but are not limited to:
  - a. attending the meeting and ensuring the proceedings are properly conducted;
  - b. providing information and professional advice, including informing the Committee of any limitations as provided in the relevant legislation, bylaws, and policies; and
  - c. supporting the Chair in promoting effective Committee functioning.

f. Attendance and Committee Service

- i. Any Committee member who is absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings without leave of absence from the Chair or without reason satisfactory to the Committee shall cease to be a member of the Committee.
- ii. Any Committee member who expects to be absent for three (3) or more consecutive regular meetings must request a leave of absence from the Chair in writing.
- iii. Committee Members should adhere to the general conflict of interest provisions in the Community Charter.

## 6. MEETINGS

- a. Regular meetings will be held during the months of February, April, June, October, and December.
- b. Meetings will be held in person unless otherwise required by staff and Council to be virtual, in which case options will be provided to attend meetings virtually.

## 7. REPORTING

- a. The Committee reports directly to Council through a report prepared by the staff liaison.
- b. The Committee may appear before Council as a delegation.
- c. Committee recommendations made by motions and passed by majority affirmative vote will be recorded in the minutes.
- d. Any motion requiring Council attention such as decisions of action or recommendations/ advice to Council must be provided to Council through a staff report. An example of the type of recommendation requiring Council attention is:

Moved and seconded,

THAT the \_\_\_\_ Committee supports the \_\_\_\_ Plan (or \_\_\_\_ Policy) (or .... the proposed bylaw amendment to \_\_\_\_\_).

- e. The Committee minutes will be provided to Council for information purposes at a Regular meeting of Council. The minutes will summarize key points and detail decisions and action items only.

END OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

Record of Amendments/Review:

Date adopted or revised	Council Resolution No.	At the request of
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