



## MISSION SUSTAINABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

Adopted: November 21, 2016

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#### **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 available housing options and attracting affordable housing developers.

#### **MANDATE:**

The Committee will, consistent with the purpose described above, undertake the following:

- Utilize the good work done as part of the Affordable Housing 2014 workshops as a foundation and launching point
- Develop a plan to address the shortage of affordable housing rental units in Mission
- Research affordable housing incentives for developers
- Investigate the legal implications of providing incentives to landlords providing affordable rental units
- Data compilation and a systematic response to tracking trends to better understand demand, supply and the needs of various population types
- Advise Council on progress and bring recommendations forward as needed
- Appoint additional working groups as needed, to address actions arising from the committee
- Report quarterly to Council on its activities through the Social Development Manager and/or the Manager of Long Range Planning and Special Projects
- Promote awareness of the importance of affordable housing within the community

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES:**

Our sense of place enhances our community identity, emotional attachment and pride. Mission is the community of choice for many Mission citizens who have difficulty finding suitable affordable housing and/or are living homeless due to a lack of housing options.

Aligning with the stone soup philosophy, we recognize that we are better together and that collaborating with broad stakeholders for respectful dialogue and on-going exchange of information will enhance our ability for innovative solutions and a sustainable future.

We recognize that although it is not a Municipal mandate to supply affordable housing, there is a role the Municipality can play in working towards creative solutions to this systemic social challenge.

#### **MEMBERSHIP:**

1. The Committee will consist of fifteen (9) members appointed by Council, who shall serve without compensation.
2. Committee members (number noted in brackets) will represent the following groups/organizations:
  - a) Mission Community Services (1)
  - b) Indigenous Housing Provider (1)
  - c) Mission Hope Central (1)
  - d) Mission Association for Community Living (1)
  - e) Mission Association for Senior's Housing (1)
  - f) Fraser Health (1)
  - g) Ministry of Social Development (1)
  - h) A housing provider/builder/agency (1)
  - i) Citizen representative (1)

#### **NON-VOTING MEMBERS:**

3. Non-voting members will consist of designated District of Mission staff, as follows:
  - a) Manager, Social Development (1)
  - b) Manager, Long Range Planning and Special Projects (1)
4. Non-voting members will consist of designated representative of Council, as follows:
  - a) Member of Council (1)

#### **WORKING GROUPS:**

The Mission Sustainable Housing Committee may establish working groups as required either on an ongoing basis or for a single initiative.

To encourage integration with the Mission Community Wellness Committee and collaboration across the community, already existing working groups under the umbrella of Social Development will be considered first for uptake of actions vs initiating new action teams.

#### **MEETING SCHEDULE:**

The Committee will meet monthly beginning November 2016.