



The **Agenda** of the **Mission Sustainable Housing Committee** meeting to be held via video conference on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 3:00 pm.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

- (a) Minutes of the Mission Sustainable Housing Committee meeting held on June 4, 2020. Page 2

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- (a) Development Activity Report
- (b) Housing Policy Updates
- (c) Secondary Suite Policy Update
- (d) Affordable Housing Strategy
- (e) Other Initiatives

**5. ROUNDTABLE**

**6. NEXT MEETING**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**



The **Minutes** of the **Mission Sustainable Housing Committee** meeting held via video conference on Thursday, June 4, 2020 commencing at 3:00 pm.

Members Present: Judith Ray, Mission Association for Seniors' Housing, Chair  
 Carol Hamilton, Councillor  
 Ken Bourdeau, Manager of Long Range Planning and Special Projects  
 Annie Charker, Citizen Representative  
 Kirsten Hargreaves, Manager of Social Development  
 Dawn Hein, Mission Association for Community Living  
 Tammy Peterson, Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction  
 Michelle Puffer, Mission Community Services Society

Members Absent: Janice Silver, MQHS, Indigenous Housing Provider  
 Dragana Djordjevic, Fraser Health Authority  
 Gerald Heinrichs, Heinrichs Developments  
 Mission Hope Central

Others Present: Mike Dickinson, Senior Planner - Policy  
 Monica Stuart, Planning Assistant

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

### 2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

1. That the following item be added to this agenda after New Business:
  - Roundtable
2. That the June 4, 2020 Mission Sustainable Housing Committee agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

### 3. **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Moved and seconded,

That the minutes of the March 5, 2020 meeting of the Mission Sustainable Housing Committee be approved.

CARRIED

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

##### (a) Housing Needs Assessment

K. Hargreaves and K. Bourdeau provided a visual presentation to the Committee regarding the Housing Needs Assessment that was presented to Council on May 19, 2020. A further report will be presented to Council in the fall regarding housing continuum. The Affordable Housing Strategy is still being worked on by staff.

##### (b) Homeless Count

K. Hargreaves presented the findings of the recent Homeless Count, which is conducted every three years. A provincial coordinator will produce the final report and release it first to regional councils, then to municipal councils (followed by this Committee).

Some key findings of the Homeless Count include:

- an increase in homelessness across the region, with Mission having the highest increase;
- a high prevalence of people with one or more significant health issue(s) going up across the region; and
- an increase in youth aging out of care due to a significant lack of shelter housing.

The next steps are to take this information and brainstorm for solutions, then to look at the whole continuum. It was noted that youth coming out of care is now an at an average age of 25. Additionally, the increasing trendline of toxic drug additives (creating brain damage), adds to the needs for housing requirements.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

##### (a) Crown Land Transfer to Leq'á:mel Mathexwi Semá:th Society

The Committee received a letter from the Province inviting the Committee to provide comments regarding a transfer of a portion of Crown land at Heritage Park to Leq'á:mel Mathexwi Semá:th Society. It was decided that further research was needed before providing comments back to the Province. The Committee is looking to find out about possible housing and job creation that this proposal may create.

**Action Item:** K. Bourdeau to find out who the contact people are for this proposal.

#### 6. ROUNDTABLE

Highlights on the roundtable discussions included:

- Construction at the Seniors Centre is on target. The perceived issue with the parking lot for the contractors has not been a problem due to the shutdowns for COVID19.
- The Mission Association for Community Living runs eight staffed residential homes. COVID19 has presented some challenges, although the commitment of the staff has been outstanding. Foster care is being provided for adults that are struggling with people being laid off.

- A. Charker mentioned that the public is grateful for the financial assistance provided by the federal and provincial governments through the COVID19 pandemic, however there is concern for the effects when the funding is no longer provided, including fear of eviction.
- Due to some changes in processing and funding, the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (MSDPR) has added staff to their community service team that will work on the streets, incorporating some new strategies. Additionally, a new registered social worker works one day a week as a mental health liaison. The MSDPR has experienced a significant reduction in office traffic by providing a lot of different options.
- Mission Community Services Society created a homeless shelter at The Stage in response to the pandemic. The shelter was assembled within 24 hours, and can house up to 44 people. The shelter will be closed at the end of June and while some of these individuals will return to Haven in the Hollow there currently is no capacity for them. Due to the pandemic, people who were borderline are now pushed over the edge (into addiction or homelessness). We are barely keeping up.
- District staff will be working on the workshop for Council and continue on the Affordable Housing Strategy and issues at Haven in the Hollow. As well, staff is focusing on the Cedar Valley Local Area Plan (CVLAP), encouraging a mix of housing types through density bonusing and housing types.
- K. Hargreaves informed the Committee that as part of the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) response to COVID19, a Vulnerable Persons Action Team (VPAC) has been created and meets weekly to share challenges and resources. The VPAC is currently creating an emergency food strategy. Additionally, two grant applications were submitted to fund stable food sources as well as port-a-potties for camps. Ms. Hargreaves co-chairs on trauma for youth and adults, as there has been an increase in behaviours in the downtown core.

## **7. NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 3:00 pm via video conference.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved and seconded,

That the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm.