



## Housing Advisory Committee

### Minutes

February 24, 2021, 3:30 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

**PRESENT:** C. Bowness, Committee Member (entered meeting at 3:31 p.m.)  
C. Harris, Committee Member  
M. Sabine, Committee Member  
G. Duly, Committee Member (left the meeting at 5:02 p.m.)  
A. Mamgain, Committee Member  
T. Halford Member of Legislative Assembly, Surrey-White Rock (non-voting) (entered the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and left at 5:05 p.m.)

**COUNCIL:** Councillor A. Manning, Chairperson (non-voting)  
Councillor E. Johanson (non-voting) (entered meeting at 3:31 p.m.)

**GUEST:** Mayor D. Walker (non-voting)

**ABSENT:** U. Maschaykh, Committee Member  
K. Findlay, Member of Parliament, South Surrey-White Rock (non-voting)  
R. Bayer, Peninsula Homeless to Housing Task Force (PH2H) (non-voting)

**STAFF:** G. Newman, Manager of Planning  
K. Sidhu, Committee Clerk  
C. Richards, Committee Clerk

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion Number: 2021-HAC-003** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Housing Advisory Committee amends the agenda for February 24, 2021 to:

- Add on-table document "Defining Affordable Housing" to Item 4; and

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended

**Motion CARRIED**

Councillor Johanson entered the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Motion Number: 2021-HAC-004** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Housing Advisory Committee adopts the minutes of the January 27, 2021 meeting as circulated.

**Motion CARRIED**

C. Bowness entered the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

4. **DRAFT DEFINITION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN WHITE ROCK**

The Manager of Planning provided a draft definition of "affordable housing".

The following discussion points were noted:

- The differences in accommodation costs vary between the size of households. For example, a family with three (3) children may have more expensive accommodation costs than a single young professional.
- Staff noted there is a policy in the Official Community Plan (OCP) that promotes Family Friendly Housing, being households with two and three, or more, bedrooms.

- The qualifications and benefits of the BC Housing Affordable Home Ownership Program as well as other rent supplement programs available for families and seniors are accessible through BC Housing.
- The importance of addressing the homelessness issue provincially and federally.
- To ensure recipients of the support programs are not receiving funds from elsewhere, staff confirmed they would have to demonstrate their income. There are other checks in place as well.

MLA T. Halford entered the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

The Manager of Planning provided an overview on testing defining affordable housing with four (4) scenarios:

- Scenario 1: Single Minimum Wage Earner
- Scenario 2: Senior(s) Living on Fixed Income
- Scenario 3: Young Two-Earner Family
- Scenario 4: Person with Disability

Staff announced that the City has retained a Consultant from "City Spaces" to assist on the Housing Needs Report. Staff noted that City Spaces has done a lot of housing work in the lower mainland and is familiar with strategies to address housing needs that may be found to exist in White Rock

**Action Item:** The Manager of Planning to invite members from City Spaces to attend the next Housing Advisory Committee.

The Committee discussed the importance of working with the City of Surrey to form a solution for housing needs.

G. Duly left the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

MLA T. Halford left the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

**5. HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY RESULTS**

The Manager of Planning provided a snapshot of the results from the Housing Needs Survey. Staff confirmed there was a high participation rate, with the majority of participants residing in White Rock. The data from this survey will be compiled into a report and published for Council and residents.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**7. INFORMATION**

**7.1 COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKING**

Corporate Administration provided an action-tracking document to the Task Force for information. This spreadsheet will be updated after each meeting and provided to members for information.

**8. 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE**

The following meeting schedule was approved by the Committee and is provided for information purposes:

- March 24, 2021
- April 28, 2021
- May 26, 2021
- June 23, 2021
- July 28, 2021
- September 22, 2021
- October 27, 2021
- November 24, 2021

9. **CONCLUSION OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2021 HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 5:23 p.m.



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A. Manning, Chairperson

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K. Sidhu, Committee Clerk

UNAPPROVED