



Housing Advisory Committee

Minutes

December 3, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

15322 Buena Vista Avenue, White Rock, BC, V4B 1Y6

PRESENT: TJ Dhillon, Community Member
Shari Green, Community Member
Sharon Greysen, Community Member
Rick Mann, Community Member

COUNCIL: Councillor Bill Lawrence, Chairperson (non-voting)
Councillor Elaine Cheung, Vice-Chairperson (non-voting)

ABSENT: Greg Duly, Community Member
Bhagwant Virk, Community Member

STAFF: Anne Berry, Director of Planning and Development Services
Neethu Syam, Planning Division Lead
Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion Number 2024-HAC-018: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Housing Advisory Committee adopts the agenda for the December 3, 2024 meeting as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Motion Number 2024-HAC-019: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Housing Advisory Committee adopts the minutes of the September 26, 2024 meeting as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM ACTION AND MOTION TRACKING DOCUMENT**

The Director of Planning and Development Services provided an update regarding the status of action items and recommendations from previous minutes.

5. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING SEMINAR**

The Chairperson re-introduced this topic after the September 26, 2024 Committee recommendation was deferred by Council at the October 21, 2024 Regular meeting, as follows:

Motion Number 2024-379:

THAT Council defer consideration of the following committee recommendation until after the Committee meets again (anticipated to be in the month of November):

THAT Council direct staff to report back on the feasibility of planning and facilitating an Affordable Housing Seminar to be scheduled within the next six (6) months.

The Committee discussed the feasibility and potential benefits of planning another Affordable Housing Seminar, similar to the one held in 2022. Due to a heavy staff workload anticipated for 2025, as well as implementation of new Provincial legislation still coming into effect, it was determined that organizing another event like this within the next six (6) months would not be realistic.

It was also suggested that a future event might be more effective if organized as a roundtable or forum, rather than a seminar. This format would allow for a more focused approach, engaging key participants who are potential stakeholders and partners in prospective affordable housing projects in White Rock.

Motion Number 2024-HAC-020: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Housing Advisory Committee recommends that further discussion regarding the Affordable Housing Forum be deferred for consideration until the next term of the Committee.

Motion CARRIED

6. UPDATE REGARDING FIRST UNITED CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

The Chairperson provided an update on the potential for extreme weather support services at the new First United Church location at 15385 Semiahmoo Avenue. After speaking with representatives at the site, the Chairperson noted that there may not be a strong interest in continuing these services, as they have at previous locations.

7. PROVINCIAL HOUSING LEGISLATION IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES

The Director of Planning and Development Services provided a PowerPoint presentation updating members on the City's status with Phase II (Official Community Plan Development Permit Areas update) and Phase III (Interim Housing Needs Report) implementation of Bill 44.

8. REVIEW OF UPDATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGY DOCUMENT

The Director of Planning and Development Services introduced the draft Affordable Housing Strategy document, which has been updated to incorporate feedback and suggestions provided by the Committee throughout this term.

The Committee agreed on the overall content of the document but expressed interest in providing further feedback to enhance its readability. Staff encouraged members to submit these suggestions by December 31, 2024, enabling them to make minor revisions before presenting the document to Council in the new year.

Motion Number 2024-HAC-021: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Housing Advisory Committee recommends that Council endorse the Affordable Housing Strategy document, as presented during the Committee's December 3, 2024 meeting.

Motion CARRIED

9. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

10. **INFORMATION**

10.1 **COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

The Director of Planning and Development Services provided a brief overview of the 2023-2024 Housing Advisory Committee Annual Report, which was provided to the Committee for information. This report will be presented to Council at the December 9, 2024 Regular Council meeting.


11. **2024 MEETING SCHEDULE**

No further meetings scheduled.

12. **CONCLUSION OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2024 HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 5:07 p.m.

Councillor Bill Lawrence, Chairperson



Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk