



Housing Advisory Committee

Minutes

March 20, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

Gallery Room, White Rock Community Centre Council Chambers
15154 Russell Ave, White Rock, BC, V4B 0A6

PRESENT: Gail Bartels, Community Member
Rick Mann, Community Member
Tom Devlin, Community Member
Pat Petrala, Community Member
Mandeep Sandhu, Community Member
Laurel Tien, Community Member
Gary Quinn, Community Member

COUNCIL: Councillor David Chesney, Chairperson (non-voting)
Councillor Bill Lawrence, Vice-Chairperson (non-voting)

STAFF: Wayne Berg, Deputy Director of Planning and Development
Neethu Syam, Planning Division Lead
Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Number 2025-HAC-005: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Housing Advisory Committee adopt the agenda for March 20, 2025 as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Motion Number 2025-HAC-006: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Housing Advisory Committee adopts the minutes of the February 19, 2025 meeting as amended to include member, R. Mann, in the list of attendees.

Motion CARRIED

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

The Planning Division Lead provided an update regarding the status of action items and recommendations from previous meetings and also shared information about upcoming Official Community Plan public engagement opportunities.

5. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGY - PRIORITY SIX: INCREASE ADVOCACY, AWARENESS AND EDUCATION ROLES**

The Chairperson noted the Committee will be discussing the short-term action, "Create a City webpage with important affordable housing information (inventory of units, key studies being conducted, successes in the community, etc.) to increase public awareness and communication on Affordable Housing," under Strategic Priority Six (6) - *Increase Advocacy, Awareness and Education Roles* within the City's Affordable Housing Strategy.

The Planning Division Lead provided several on-table examples demonstrating how other municipalities have developed affordable housing resource webpages. She also shared a document containing draft content for an Affordable Housing Resources webpage to be displayed on the City's website and invited members to provide feedback and suggestions for additional information that could be included.

Following feedback from the Committee, staff confirmed they will incorporate this information into a final draft of the Affordable Housing Resources webpage and bring it forward for further review at an upcoming meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Chairperson asked members to send a note about what inspired them to join the Committee, as well as suggested attainable goals for this term, via email to the Committee Clerk.

The topic of gentle density was discussed briefly, during which time a member of the Committee noted that he is involved with Small Housing BC and could arrange for a representative to speak about this topic at a future meeting.

Motion Number 2025-HAC-007: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Housing Advisory Committee approves that a representative from Small Housing BC be invited to a future meeting to provide a presentation and participate in discussion regarding gentle density.

Motion CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT, SECONDARY SUITE AND SHORT-TERM RENTAL DISCUSSION

The Committee engaged in a roundtable discussion regarding the City's processes around Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and secondary suites, and how they contribute to the City achieving its provincially mandated housing targets.

7. 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

- April 16, 2025;
- May 21, 2025;
- June 18, 2025;
- July 16, 2025;
- September 17, 2025;
- October 15, 2025; and,
- November 19, 2025.

All meetings are scheduled to take place in the Council Chambers at White Rock Community Centre from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

8. **CONCLUSION OF THE MARCH 20, 2025 HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 5:37 p.m.



Councillor Chesney, Chairperson

Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk

Unapproved