



Housing Advisory Committee

Minutes

April 16, 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 (arrived at 4:05 p.m.)
Tom Devlin, Community Member
Rick Mann, Community Member
Pat Petrala, Community Member
Laurel Tien, Community Member

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

ABSENT: Mandeep Sandhu, Community Member
Gary Quinn, Community Member

STAFF: Anne Berry, Director of Planning and Development Services
Wayne Berg, Deputy Director of Planning and Development
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Number: 2025-HAC-008 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Housing Advisory Committee adopts the agenda for the April 16, 2025 meeting as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion Number: 2025-HAC-009 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Housing Advisory Committee adopts the minutes of the March 20, 2025 meeting as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

4. OVERVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT PLANNING PROCESSES

The Director and Deputy Director of Planning and Development Services provided a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the Development Planning Process.

Gail Bartels arrived at the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

During the roundtable discussion, it was noted that some municipalities have implemented a Certified Professional (CP) Program for building permit application reviews. This approach allows developers to hire a qualified consultant, at their own expense, to review applications on the City's behalf, thereby accelerating the approval process. Staff indicated that further research would be necessary to assess the feasibility of such a program, and it remains unclear how this initiative would align with the department's current work plan.

5. QUESTIONS FOR SMALL HOUSING BC PRESENTATION AT MAY MEETING

The Director of Planning and Development Services noted that Small Housing BC is expected to attend the May 21st Housing Advisory Committee meeting to discuss the topic of gentle density. To ensure the presentation aligns with the Committee's interests and information needs, Small Housing BC has requested that discussion topics or questions be shared with them in advance of the meeting.

The Committee provided the following suggestions:

- Options for laneway housing in White Rock – where could this be considered, and how would it work
- Who would be an ideal candidate for this model of housing
- Taxation benefits surrounding gentle density
- Potential infrastructure challenges with gentle density

Action Item: Committee members to review the Small Housing BC website (smallhousingbc.org) and provide their topics and/or questions for the upcoming presentation to the Committee Clerk in advance of the next meeting.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

7. **INFORMATION**

7.1 **COMMITTEE ACTION AND MOTION TRACKING**

Corporate Administration updates the action and motion tracking document after each meeting and provides it to the Committee for information purposes.

8. **2025 MEETING SCHEDULE**

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

- 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 Council Chambers at the White Rock Community Centre from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

9. **CONCLUSION OF THE APRIL 16, 2025 HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 5:04 p.m.



Councillor David Chesney,
Chairperson

Debbie Johnstone, Deputy
Corporate Officer

Unapproved