



At Risk and Vulnerable Population Task Force

Minutes

July 15, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT: Mayor Walker, Co-Chairperson
Councillor Patton, Co-Chairperson (City of Surrey)
Councillor Guerra, Co-Vice-Chairperson (City of Surrey) (left at 5:00 p.m.)
Councillor Manning, Co-Vice-Chairperson
Cheryl Lightowlers, Peninsula United Church
Bruce Strom, Options BC
David Young, Sources BC
Adrianna Spyker, Peninsula Homeless to Housing Task Force
Tsitsi Watt, BC Housing

GUEST: Neil Arao, Options BC (entered at 4:10 p.m.)

ABSENT: Becky Dorothy, Fraser Health

NON-VOTING ADVISORS: Aileen Murphy, City of Surrey Social Planner
Jonquil Hallgate, Friendship Blvd Foundation

STAFF: Eric Stepura, Director of Recreation and Culture
Kale Pauls, Staff Sargent (RCMP)
Chloe Richards, Committee Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was noted that the Task Force name change from "At-Risk and Vulnerable Population Task Force" to "At-Risk and Priority Population Task Force" will be reflected on all future meeting documents.

Motion Number 2021-ARVPTF-006: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the At-Risk and Vulnerable Population Task Force adopt the agenda for July 15, 2021 as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion Number 2021-ARVPTF-007: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the At-Risk and Vulnerable Population Task Force adopts the minutes of the June 30, 2021 meeting as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

4. WORK PLAN - FURTHER DISCUSSION

Task Force members further discussed the Work Plan.

It was determined that the Work Plan would consist of the three (3) priority items:

1. Location of a shelter for this fall, in time for when extreme weather may be experienced;
2. Exploring grant funding options; and
3. Exploring the idea of a full-time shelter in the South Surrey and White Rock area.

N. Arao entered the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

An Emergency Weather Response shelter could operate in the area when required in the colder months this season.

It was noted that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, extra cleaning and other required temporary procedures have affected how BC Housing funding has been distributed.

There is Federal funding and BC Housing's Rapid Response to Housing program, however, funding comes in cycles and may not always be available.

It is important to determine a location where there is no pushback from the neighbours and where there is access to transit. To have a successful operation, land opportunities would have to fit such criteria.

5. SHELTER LOCATION DISCUSSION

Item 5, *Shelter Location Discussion*, was discussed under Item 4, *Work Plan - Further Discussion*.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

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.

E. Stepura noted he would be able to provide further information and share the engagement summary of the City of White Rock's Housing Needs Report potentially at the next meeting. The Housing Needs Report is expected to be completed and provided to the Housing Advisory Committee and Council later this year.

8. 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

- Thursday, July 29, 2021
- Thursday, September 2, 2021
- Thursday, September 16, 2021
- Wednesday, September 29, 2021
- Wednesday, October 13, 2021

- Wednesday, October 27, 2021
- Wednesday, November 10, 2021
- Wednesday, November 24, 2021

All meeting times are scheduled to take place from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Councillor Guerra departed the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

9. **CONCLUSION OF THE JULY 15, 2021 AT RISK AND VULNERABLE POPULATION TASK FORCE MEETING**

The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 5:01 p.m.

Mayor Walker, Chairperson



C. Richards, Committee Clerk

UNAPPROVED