



At-Risk and Priority Population Task Force

Minutes

September 2, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

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

PRESENT: Mayor Walker, Co-Chairperson
Councillor Patton, Co-Chairperson
Councillor Guerra, Co-Vice-Chairperson
Kathy Booth, Peninsula United Church
Bruce Strom, Options BC
David Young, Sources BC
Adrianna Spyker, Peninsula Homeless to Housing Task Force
(arrived at 4:08 p.m.)
Tsitsi Watt, BC Housing

GUESTS: Jonquil Hallgate, Surrey Road to Home Society
Dena Kae Beno, TRES Community Solutions
Rick Bayer, Peninsula Homeless to Housing Task Force (arrived
at 4:02 p.m.)
Cheryl Lightowlers, Peninsula United Church

ABSENT: Councillor Manning, Co-Vice-Chairperson
Meryl McDowell, Fraser Health
Chloe Good, HSABC

**NON-VOTING
ADVISORS:** Aileen Murphy, City of Surrey Social Planner

STAFF: Eric Stepura, Director of Recreation and Culture
Kale Pauls, White Rock RCMP Staff Sargent
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

Mayor Walker assumed the role of Chairperson.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion Number: 2021-ARPPTF-010

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the At-Risk and Priority Population Task Force adopts the agenda for the September 2, 2021, meeting as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Motion Number: 2021-ARPPTF-011

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the At-Risk and Priority Population Task Force adopts the minutes of the July 29, 2021, meeting as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

4. **OVERVIEW OF THE WHITE ROCK / SOUTH SURREY HOMELESSNESS COMMUNITY ACTION GRANT**

R. Bayer, Peninsula Homeless to Housing Task Force, entered the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

A. Spyker, Peninsula Homeless to Housing Task Force, entered the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

Guests, J. Hallgate, Surrey Road to Home Society, and D. Kae Beno, TRES Community Solutions, provided an overview of the White Rock/South Surrey Homelessness Community Action Grant, including a PowerPoint presentation on the White Rock/South Surrey Vulnerable Persons Project work plan.

Further updates will be provided to the Task Force as this project progresses.

5. **2021-2022 WORK PLAN PRIORITY ITEMS**

The Task Force further discussed their three (3) identified Work Plan priority items. The following updates were provided:

1. Location of a shelter for this fall, in time for when extreme weather may be experienced.

The City of Surrey, together with Options and HSA, have been in contact with the Mount Olive Lutheran Church to use this space as an extreme weather shelter effective fall 2021. Mount Olive Lutheran Church is agreeable to the shelter in principle; however, budget approval will still be required from BC Housing. The City of Surrey has had their Fire Department perform an inspection of the church and are currently working on a draft agreement.

2. Exploring grant fund options.

There are no updates at this time.

3. Exploring the idea of a full-time shelter (or "permanent housing") in the South Surrey and White Rock area.

It was noted that the City of Surrey is still interested in modular housing with the intention to locate land for this in White Rock, which would then be purchased by the City of Surrey. In order to run the shelter, it was noted that BC Housing could work with a non-profit organization. A level of urgency on this project was noted (if it cannot progress quickly in the next few months it may need to wait to be addressed until later next year).

The Chief Administrative Officer from White Rock and City Manager from Surrey will be looking into this, as well as what type of housing (modular, permanent etc.) could be required.

The Task Force noted the following discussion points:

- A population needs assessment should be considered in order to address the housing concerns specifically for the White Rock/ South Surrey area;
- Ensuring that services are available in the selected area is an important consideration. It would also be important to determine the type of services that may be required;
- The White Rock/ South Surrey Homelessness Community Action Grant would be looking into demographics which could be useful information for this process; and,
- The 'housing first' model was discussed.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

7. INFORMATION

R. Bayer, Peninsula Homeless to Housing Task Force, noted that a food security discussion would be taking place with several community stakeholders on Wednesday, September 8th.

7.1 COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKING

Corporate Administration provided the 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 Task Force and was provided for information purposes:

- Thursday, September 2, 2021;
- Thursday, September 16, 2021;
- Wednesday, September 29, 2021;
- Wednesday, October 13, 2021;
- Wednesday, October 27, 2021;
- Wednesday, November 10, 2021; and,
- Wednesday, November 24, 2021.

9. **CONCLUSION OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2021, AT-RISK AND PRIORITY POPULATION TASK FORCE MEETING**

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



Mayor Walker , Chairperson

D. Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

UNAPPROVED