



## At-Risk and Priority Population Task Force

### Minutes

October 27, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

**PRESENT:** Mayor Walker, Chairperson (non-voting)  
Councillor Manning, Vice-Chairperson (non-voting)  
Adrianna Spyker, Peninsula Homeless to Housing Task Force  
(entered the meeting at 4:09 p.m.)  
Tsitsi Watt, BC Housing  
David Young, Sources BC  
Kathy Booth, Peninsula United Church  
Bruce Strom, Options.

**GUESTS:** Jonquil Hallgate, Surrey Road to Home Society  
Dena Kae Beno, TRES Community Solutions  
Cheryl Lightowers, Peninsula United Church

**ABSENT:** Becky Doherty, Fraser Health

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

**STAFF:** Eric Stepura, Director of Recreation and Culture  
Chloe Richards, Committee Clerk

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#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

D. Young, Task Force member, to further discuss Item 6 from last meeting (*Acquisition of Property for Affordable Housing Corporate Report*) under Item 6, *Other Business*.

**Motion Number 2021-ARPPTF-014:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the At-Risk and Priority Population Task Force adopt the October 27, 2021 meeting agenda as circulated.

**Motion CARRIED**

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Motion Number 2021-ARPPTF-015:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the At-Risk and Priority Population Task Force adopt the September 29, 2021 meeting minutes as circulated.

**Motion CARRIED**

4. **UPDATE ON THE 2021-2022 WORK PLAN PRIORITY ITEMS**

Mayor Walker announced that there will be no further At-Risk and Priority Population Task Force meetings for the remainder of 2021. Further communication relating to the Task Force will be forwarded to members.

Mayor Walker highlighted achievements of the Task Force, such as establishing an extreme weather shelter for the colder months. It was noted that while permanent housing has not yet been finalized, it is currently in the process. A White Rock staff member is looking for property in White Rock that would be suitable for affordable housing.

A. Spyker entered the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

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 extreme weather shelter is currently operating at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, located in South Surrey.
- Although there is no signed agreement yet with Mount Olive Lutheran Church, the extreme weather shelter is going forward with good faith.

- The shelter already started days in operation, allowing staff to get acclimated to the site and to get to understand who will be using such services this season.

## **2. *Exploring grant fund options.***

- It was noted that even though the Task Force will not be meeting, exploring grant funding options is encouraged. Mayor Walker and Councillor Manning will be keeping in touch with J. Hallgate regarding this.
- J. Hallgate, guest, shared grant funding opportunities. It was noted that there may be additional funding for extreme weather sites and other funding for permanent sites.

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

- D. Kae Beno, guest, shared information on their homelessness numbers versus the numbers of RCMP. She noted this information will be of resource in locating a suitable property for the South Surrey/White Rock area.
- The Director of Recreation and Culture, shared that he has been in communication with City of Surrey staff regarding various locations scouted in Surrey.
- While the aim is to have the property in White Rock, there may be an option again to locate and purchase a suitable property in Surrey.
- It was noted that D. Kae Beno intends to set up a tour for different housing and service options.

**ACTION ITEM:** E. Stepura to connect with K. Overton, Manager of Property, Risk and Freedom of Information, to set up a tour with D. Kae Beno of different housing and service options.

## **5. WHITE ROCK HOMELESSNESS COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRESS REPORT**

D. Kae Beno, guest, provided an update on the item. There have been several conversations regarding the outreach and services that are made available, and they are constantly looking to find ways to increase coordination and have those who are vulnerable receive better access to such services.

There is a complexity of multiple barriers (mental health issues, substance abuse, etc.) that should be a huge consideration. The focus they are leaning

towards is mapping the system to better support those who are in need of these services.

It was noted the importance to stay connected with Chief Chappell, Semiahmoo First Nation, to better support the first nation community with homelessness and available services.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

D. Young, Task Force member, further discussed Item 6, *Acquisition of Property for Affordable Housing Corporate Report*, from the September 29, 2021 meeting, and brought forward a motion pertaining to it.

**Motion Number 2021-ARPPTF-016:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the At-Risk and Priority Population Task Force recommend Council set and maintain, as a strategic priority, the acquisition and development of emergency and transitional housing (for those experiencing homelessness) and any land development (including City owned property).

**Motion CARRIED**

**7. INFORMATION**

**7.1 COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKING**

Staff provided an update on the Action and Motion Tracking Document and noted that action items are near completion.

**8. 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE**

It was announced that there will be no further At-Risk and Priority Population Task Force meetings scheduled for 2021. Meetings for 2022 are to be determined at this time.

All 2022 meetings would take place between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

9. **CONCLUSION OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2021 AT-RISK AND PRIORITY POPULATION TASK FORCE MEETING**

The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 4:35 p.m.

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Mayor Walker, Chairperson

  
C. Richards, Committee Clerk

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