



Housing Advisory Committee

Minutes

February 22, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT:	Councillor Manning, Vice-Chairperson (non-voting) Abhishek Mamgain, Community Member Brian Hagerman, Community Member Gary Quinn, Community Member (joined at 4:32 p.m.) Greg Duly, Community Member Marie Sabine, Community Member Stephen Crozier, Community Member (joined at 4:02 p.m.)
NON-VOTING ADVISORS:	Neil Arao, Options BC representative (left meeting at 5:32 p.m.) Rick Bayer, Homeless to Housing representative (joined at 4:03 p.m., left meeting at 5:35 p.m.)
ABSENT:	Chris Harris, Community Member
STAFF:	Joseph Calenda, Acting Director of Planning and Development Services Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk

Councillor Manning 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 2022-HAC-001: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Housing Advisory Committee adopt the agenda for the February 22, 2022 meeting as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

S. Crozier entered the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Motion Number 2022-HAC-002: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Housing Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the October 26, 2021 meeting as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

R. Bayer entered the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

4. **OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM THE 2021 AT-RISK AND PRIORITY POPULATION TASK FORCE**

The Chairperson led a discussion regarding completed and outstanding items from the At-Risk and Priority Population Task Force (ARPPTF), including updates regarding the Task Force's following three (3) Work Plan priority items:

- Determine suitable location(s) for shelter for this fall, in time for when extreme weather may be experienced;
- Explore grant funding options to cover the lease for this type of shelter from October to March; and,
- Explore the idea/suggestion of permanent housing in the South Surrey/White Rock area.

Note: The At-Risk and Priority Population Task Force met on a bi-monthly basis in 2021. Moving forward, outstanding ARPPTF items are to be discussed at the Housing Advisory Committee meetings.

The Chairperson encouraged Committee members to bring forward ideas on fulfilling the three (3) open items on the ARPPTF Work Plan and to make recommendations to Council as appropriate.

5. **FINAL DRAFT HOUSING REPORT UPDATE**

Note: Item 6: *2021-2022 Work Plan Update* discussion began at this time, which led into Item 5: *Final Draft Housing Report Update* discussion.

The Acting Director of Planning and Development Services provided a PowerPoint presentation, titled "Affordable Housing Strategy and Action Plan – Housing Advisory Committee – 3 Proposals Moving Forward."

It was noted that Council received and endorsed the City of White Rock Housing Needs Report (2021) at their November 22, 2021 meeting. This report will be reviewed in five years. In the meantime, the recommended next step would be to identify and evaluate strategies, actions and initiatives to address the City's specific housing needs, which was explored in detail during the PowerPoint presentation.

Following the presentation, the Committee engaged in a roundtable discussion.

Action Item: Staff to distribute PowerPoint presentation to Committee members following this meeting.

Action Item: Acting Director of Planning and Development Services to determine whether the owners of the development project (on land owned by the United Church), located east of City Hall and the library, have DCCs (Development Cost Charges) payable, as requested by Committee member G. Quinn.

Action Item: Acting Director of Planning and Development Services to confirm with the Economic Development Officer that invitations will be provided to the Housing Advisory Committee members for the Affordable Housing Partnership Seminar, tentatively scheduled for April 19, 2022.

N. Arao left the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

R. Bayer left the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

6. **2021-2022 WORK PLAN UPDATE**

Note: Discussions regarding this item began prior to Item 5: *Final Draft Housing Report Update* and were then resumed after taking a break to discuss Item 5 (all Item 6 minutes recorded below for ease of reading).

The Chairperson provided an update and facilitated a roundtable discussion regarding the following three (3) priority items included in the Committee's 2021-2022 Work Plan document:

- Review and provide feedback on the Draft Housing Needs Report;
- Provide input on Draft Amendments to the City's Zoning Bylaw as they relate to housing; and,
- Evaluate strategies to address areas regarding housing needs, following the final approval of the Housing Needs Report.

The Chairperson noted that there is an opportunity available on the Talk White Rock website for the public to provide input on the draft amendments to the City's Zoning Bylaw. Committee members were encouraged to provide their input, and to share this opportunity with their fellow White Rock residents.

Motion Number 2022-HAC-003: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Housing Advisory Committee recommend that Council endorse the Committee schedule an additional meeting, to be held Thursday, March 17, 2022.

Motion CARRIED

7. CANADA - BRITISH COLUMBIA EXPERT PANEL ON THE FUTURE OF HOUSING SUPPLY AND AFFORDABILITY'S FIVE CALLS TO ACTION

The five calls to action items noted in the Canada - British Columbia Expert Panel on the Future of Housing Supply and Affordability's Five Calls to Action report are:

1. Creating a planning framework that proactively encourages housing;
2. Reforming fees on property development;
3. Expanding the supply of community and affordable housing;
4. Improving coordination among and within all orders of government; and,
5. Ensuring more equitable treatment of renters and homeowners.

The Chairperson facilitated a roundtable discussion, during which the Committee provided feedback regarding the five (5) calls to action items listed above.

Motion Number 2022-HAC-004: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Housing Advisory Committee recommends that Council adopt the Five Calls to Action into their housing strategy, with an amendment to #5 from the list to instead read: “Ensuring more equitable treatment.”

S. Crozier voted in the negative.

Motion CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None

9. INFORMATION

9.1 COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKING

Corporate Administration provided an action and motion tracking document to the Committee for information. The document is updated after each meeting and provided to members for review.


10. 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

This agenda item was deferred to the following meeting (date to be determined).

11. CONCLUSION OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2022 HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 6:02 p.m.

A. Manning, Vice-Chairperson



J. Auer, Committee Clerk