



Housing Advisory Committee

Minutes

January 27, 2021, 3:30 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

- PRESENT:**
- M. Sabine, Committee Member
 - G. Duly, Committee Member
 - A. Mamgain, Committee Member
 - R. Bayer, Peninsula Homeless to Housing Task Force (PH2H)
(non-voting)
- COUNCIL:**
- Councillor A. Manning
 - Councillor E. Johanson
- ABSENT:**
- C. Bowness, Committee Member
 - U. Maschaykh, Committee Member
 - C. Harris, Committee Member
 - K. Findlay, Member of Parliament, South Surrey-White Rock
(non-voting)
 - T. Halford, Member of Legislative Assembly, Surrey-White Rock
(non-voting)
- GUEST:**
- Mayor D. Walker (entered the meeting at 3:34 p.m.)
- STAFF:**
- G. Newman, Manager of Planning
 - K. Sidhu, Committee Clerk
 - C. Richards, Committee Clerk
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion Number: HAC-2021-01 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Housing Advisory Committee adopt the agenda for January 27, 2021 as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Motion Number: HAC-2021-02 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Housing Advisory Committee adopts the minutes of the November 25, 2020 meeting as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

Mayor Walker entered the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

4. **CITY OF WHITE ROCK DEFINITION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

The Manager of Planning presented an outline on how to consider defining Affordable Housing.

The Committee continued their discussion from the last meeting regarding the definition of affordable housing for the City of White Rock. The following discussion points were noted:

- Roughly half of renters are in the core housing need.
- There are now additional utility charges with internet categorized as a necessity and a basic utility.
- Staff noted the importance of when defining affordable housing to take in account the threshold of affordability.
- There was discussion surrounding the BC Housing definition of Affordable Housing and the Metro Vancouver Housing Plan.

- The importance of encouraging developers to include affordable units in their projects.
- Concerns were raised on residents who are below the average income and what their future will be in White Rock.
- Housing studies should be based on/take in account income, household size, age, and capture the demand and needs of the community and the future demographics of White Rock.
- Rental housing should be affordable, accessible, and inclusive with no discrimination.

Action Item: Staff to prepare a definition of affordable housing, that recognizes affordability along a spectrum of household incomes and is in general alignment with thresholds established by Metro Vancouver.

It was noted this work is already underway by staff from a previous ratified motion.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

6. **INFORMATION**

6.1 **COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKING**

The Committee Action Tracking Document was provided for information.

7. **2021 MEETING SCHEDULE**

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

- February 24, 2021
- March 24, 2021
- April 28, 2021
- May 26, 2021
- June 23, 2021

- July 28, 2021
- September 22, 2021
- October 27, 2021
- November 24, 2021

8. **CONCLUSION OF THE JANUARY 27, 2021 HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 5:02 p.m.



Councillor A. Manning, Chairperson

K. Sidhu, Committee Clerk