

## Meeting Minutes

### Hospitals and Housing Committee

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Wednesday, July 7, 2021

1:30 PM

6th Floor Boardroom  
625 Fisgard St.  
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

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#### PRESENT

Directors: L. Helps (Chair), G. Orr (Vice Chair) (EP), D. Blackwell (EP), S. Brice, F. Haynes, G. Holman (EP), J. Loveday (EP), H. Braithwaite (for K. Murdoch) (EP), D. Screech

Staff: N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; D. Elliott, Senior Manager, Regional Housing; S. Grigg, Manager of Operations, Regional Housing; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP – Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors K. Murdoch, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex officio), Councillor J. Olsen

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

#### 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Helps provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED** by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Screech,  
That the agenda be amended to add a verbal update on Rapid Housing under  
New Business.  
**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Director Haynes, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,  
That the agenda for the July 7, 2021 Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting  
be approved as amended.  
**CARRIED**

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

##### 3.1. [21-543](#) Minutes of the June 2, 2021 Hospitals and Housing Committee Meeting

**MOVED** by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Screech,  
That the minutes of the Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting of June 2,  
2021 be adopted as circulated.  
**CARRIED**

#### 4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Helps noted that staff through D. Elliott's office, have done a great job with the Tenant Advisory Committee on regional housing.

#### 5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

#### 6. Committee Business

##### 6.1. [21-539](#) Capital Region Housing Corporation Operational Update No. 2, 2021

D. Elliott spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- slow progress in affordable rentals potentially exposing the Housing Corporation to financial risk
- the impact of Capital Region Housing Corporation units to vacancy rates in the region
- the debt coverage ratio
- rental market trends in Victoria
- the financial gap between potential renters and rental rates for units

**MOVED by Director Brice, SECONDED by Director Screech,  
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Region  
Housing Corporation Board:**

**That the Capital Region Housing Corporation Operational Update No. 2, 2021  
report be received for information.**

**CARRIED**

##### 6.2. [21-497](#) Capital Region Housing Corporation Financial Plan Amendments

N. Chan spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued on the change in tax status for these properties.

**MOVED by Director Screech, SECONDED by Director Brice,  
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Region  
Housing Corporation Board:**

**That the Capital Region Housing Corporation Operating Budgets Amendments  
and the Capital Region Housing Corporation Major Capital Plan Amendments be  
approved as attached.**

**CARRIED**

**6.3.**     [21-537](#)     Regional Housing First Program: Project Update, Second Quarter 2021

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.3.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- looking beyond the Regional Housing First Program to continue serving the region
- updating subsidies to units in order to make them more affordable
- building material cost increases

**MOVED** by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,  
**The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:**

**That the Regional Housing First Program: Project Update, Second Quarter 2021 report be received for information.**

**CARRIED**

**6.4.**     [21-505](#)     Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

**MOVED** by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,  
**That the following minutes be received for information:**

- a) Regional Housing Advisory Committee minutes - February 11, 2021
- b) Tenant Advisory Committee minutes - April 29, 2021

**CARRIED**

**7. Notice(s) of Motion**

There were no Notice(s) of Motion.

**8. New Business**

K. Lorette provided a verbal update on the next round of funding through the Rapid Housing Initiative.

**9. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,

**That the July 7, 2021 Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:13 pm.**

**CARRIED**

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Chair

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Recorder