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## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Regional Housing Advisory Committee**

**November 28, 2019, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, CRD Board Room, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC**

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**PRESENT:** Malcolm McNaughton, Kerriane Coady, David Corey, Lindsay Millburn, Bruce Anderson, Bill Brown, Pam Hartling (alt for Sharon Hvozdzanski), Jarret Matanowitsch, Matthew Baldwin, Kaye Melliship, Kelly Roth, Kathy Whitcher, Danella Parks

**GUESTS:** Braden Batch (CMHC), Jay Douillard and John Hicks (CRD Regional Planning)

**STAFF:** Christine Culham, John Reilly, Maia Kerr (recorder)

**REGRETS:** Kevin Lorette, Jim Hartshorne, Danielle Deni (replacement for Candace Koo)

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 2:09 pm. Chair David Corey welcomed Committee members and introductions were made around the table.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** by Kaye Melliship, **SECONDED** by Kelly Roth.

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### **3. Approval of September 26, 2019 Minutes**

**MOVED** by Kerriane Coady, **SECONDED** by Bruce Anderson.

That the minutes from the September 26, 2019 Regional Housing Advisory Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### **4. Business Arising**

- **Definition of Affordability**
  - CRD preparing follow-up to this discussion for January 2020
- **Post-Secondary Housing Needs**
  - Presentation by UVIC and Camosun delayed until January 2020 meeting
- **Development Approvals Process Review (Provincial Report)**
  - John Reilly, Jarret Matanowitsch and Matthew Baldwin met to review the report in November and will present an overview at January 2020 meeting

### **5. Presentations for Discussion**

- CMHC Market Forecast (PPT Attached)
  - Braden Batch, Senior Analyst with CMHC, presented on the Victoria Housing Market Assessment which comes out quarterly and is based on data from six months prior
  - Note that this data shows a census of what residents currently pay and not market rates

*Bill Brown joined the meeting at 2:19 pm*

- The next report will be released January 15, 2020
- Committee members suggested the following amendments to the presentation:
  - 'Greater Victoria' data label be changed to describe which municipalities are included (e.g. Oak Bay, View Royal, Esquimalt)
  - Where necessary, definitions of data labels be included as well (e.g. does 'home owner' include only detached homes? And does 'condo' include townhouses?)
  - 'YTD' (year to date) be defined to the month
- Note that data can be separated out to the city/municipal level if a request is submitted to CMHC with a clear justification for the request
- Housing and Transportation Cost Study
  - Jay Douillard, Information Technician with CRD Regional Planning, presented on the drafted CRD Housing and Transportation Cost Study
  - The study uses Origin and Destination Study (2017) and Census (2016) data
  - Discussion ensued about the following
    - Effects of BCH subsidies, household size and mortgage age on data
    - Report will include some details pulled out by individual municipality
    - Report represents baseline data which will be used as a starting point for future reports
  - All feedback should be sent to John Reilly and/or Christine Culham

## 6. Roundtable – Sharing of priorities by each RHAC member

### Summary of Priorities:

- Municipalities are very focused on housing, densification, transportation and sustainability (social and environmental)
- A fair number of new housing projects are planned; some which will be available in 2020
- Municipalities are looking to improve old policies and adopt new policies and strategies
- BC Housing will release Requests for Proposals in 2020 – contact BCH to schedule a consultation before the CFP is out
- GVCEH Community Plan is complete and Calls for Proposals are underway
- Community Data Program – let Danielle Deni know if you are interested in participating
- MLS system is expected to be merging to have one site covering all of Vancouver Island

## 7. Next Meeting January 30 from 2:00-4:00 pm

- **Membership 2020** – Letters have been distributed requesting nominations for 2020.
- **Priorities for 2020** – Conversation planned regarding priorities for first six months of 2020  
\*RHAC members asked to each bring a list of their priorities to January meeting
- **Affordability Definitions** – CRD will present for discussion at January meeting
- **Student Housing** – Speakers from UVIC and Camosun College housing programs will be presenting at the January 2020 meeting about their programs and ongoing housing needs
- **DAPR Provincial Report** – John Reilly, Jarret Matanowitsch and Matthew Baldwin will present an overview of the report at the January 2020 meeting
- **City of Victoria Presentation** – Will be scheduled for some time in 2020

## 8. Adjournment

**MOVED** by Jarret Matanowitsch, **SECONDED** by Kelly Roth.

That the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.