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Minutes of a Meeting of the Regional Housing Advisory Committee

February 13, 2020, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, CRD Board Room, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC

PRESENT: Malcolm McNaughton, Kerriann Coady, David Corey, Lindsay Millburn, Bruce Anderson, Bill Brown, Sharon Hvozdzanski, Matthew Baldwin, Jim Hartshorne, Kaye Melliship, Kelly Roth, Kathy Whitcher, Danella Parks

GUESTS: Mike Wilson (UVIC), Michel Turcotte (Camosun)

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

REGRETS: Danielle Deni, Jarret Matanowitsch,

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm. Kevin Lorette welcomed all RHAC members and introductions were facilitated around the table.

2. Selection of the Chair and Vice-Chair

Kevin Lorette called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Regional Housing Advisory Committee (RHAC) for 2020.

Kerriann Coady was nominated and the nomination was accepted.

Nominations were called for a second and third time and as there were none, nominations were closed. Kerriann Coady was acclaimed as Chair of the Regional Housing Advisory Commission (RHAC) for 2020.

Kevin Lorette called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Regional Housing Advisory Committee (RHAC) for 2020.

David Corey was nominated and the nomination was accepted.

Nominations were called for a second and third time and as there were none, nominations were closed. David Corey was acclaimed Vice-Chair of the Regional Housing Advisory Committee (RHAC) for 2020.

Kerriann Coady assumed the Chair and welcomed members.

Lindsay Millburn joined the meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Danella Parks, **SECONDED** by Kaye Melliship.

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Approval of November 28, 2019 Minutes

MOVED by Matthew Baldwin, **SECONDED** by Kathy Whitcher.

That the minutes from the November 28, 2019 Regional Housing Advisory Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising

- Regional Housing Service Plan - Deferred
- Definition of Affordability - Deferred
- Development Process Review - Deferred

6. Presentations for Discussion

- Post-Secondary Housing Needs
 - Camosun College (ppt attached) - Michel Turcotte presented on the challenges students, particularly international students, experience with regard to finding housing in the CRD
 - University of Victoria (ppt attached) - Mike Wilson presented on the housing developments UVIC has recently started construction on and emphasized the importance of community engagement and consultation during the planning phase; as the UVIC student population is no longer growing, this new source of student housing will free up over 600 rental units in the community
- City of Victoria Presentation (ppt attached)
 - Lindsay Milburn presented on the new City of Victoria Housing Strategy and noted that they currently have an RFP out for a land economic analysis

Kelly Roth left the meeting.

7. New Business

- Municipal Line of Credit Policies (Kaye Melliship)
 - Saanich agreed to this BC Housing (BCH) led initiative in which BCH acts as guarantor for projects (to provide security for items requiring bonding)
 - Asking other municipalities to similarly forgo these expenses when BCH can be guarantor
 - Municipalities can partner with BCH instead of treating them like a regular developer
 - Saanich's legal counsel (Stuart McDannold Stuart) is willing to discuss if necessary
 - Kaye Melliship, BCH and CRD will meet to put notice of motion together for presentation to RHAC at a future RHAC meeting

8. Roundtable – Summary of RHAC Member Priorities

- Concerns expressed about effects of increasing strata fees and about municipal housing policy changes slowing development
- Municipalities are looking at various options to increase density and address housing issues
- CRD is focusing on coming year of Reaching Home Program, on the Regional Housing Needs Report and on coordinating the proposed RHFP fund increase

9. Preferred Meeting Time/Day for 2020 - Third or fourth Thursday from 2:00 - 4:00 pm

10. Next Meeting March 26, 2020 from 2:00-4:00 pm

11. Adjournment

MOVED by Dave Corey, **SECONDED** by Malcolm McNaughton.

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.