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Minutes of a Meeting of the Regional Housing Advisory Committee

February 11, 2021 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Microsoft Teams

PRESENT: Kerriann Coady, David Corey, Bill Brown, Kelly Roth, Kathy Whitcher, Danella Parks, Kaye Melliship; Holly McKeil, Nadine Kawata, Kirsten Baillie

GUESTS:

STAFF: Don Elliott, John Reilly, Jerry Michael (recorder)

REGRETS: Sharon Hvozdzanski, Jim Hartshorne, Danielle Deni, Malcolm McNaughton, Lindsay Millburn, Bruce Anderson, Leah Stohmann, Michel Turcotte, Jarret Matanowitsch, , Matthew Baldwin

Meeting called to order at 2:03pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 2:02pm. Co-Chair Kerrian Coady welcomed all RHAC members. CRD staff offered a territorial acknowledgment of the Indigenous communities in the Capital Region.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Kathy Whitcher, **SECONDED** by Kaye Melliship

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Approval of December 11, 2020 Minutes

MOVED by David Corey, **SECONDED** by

That the minutes from the December 11, 2020 Regional Housing Advisory Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Housing Needs Reports

All 11 reports have been received by municipal councils. All commitments of grant with UBCM have been met and there will be a staff report advanced to the March 3, 2021 Hospital and Housing Committee meeting. All reports are publicly accessible on municipal websites.

5. Roundtable

- Development applications and approvals remain high across all member municipalities. Some committee members noted a transition from single family houses to multifamily developments across the region.
- Committee members provided updates on some of the continual impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on housing. Effects include scarcity in some building materials increasing development costs and a fast paced residential market driven by high demand and low supply.

- Committee members continue to see challenges in the supply chain for building materials. This along with rising acquisition costs is increasing the price of construction.
- Developers noted that municipalities moving to online application and approval processes have been helpful. Some committee members would like to see a hybrid approach post pandemic.

6. Discussion of Potential Future Priorities into 2021

Committee members recommended to have the list of possible focus topics prepared by CRD staff reviewed by the new committee at their first meeting in May of 2021.

7. Future Composition of Committee

Committee members were thanked for participation in this committee. A report is being advanced to the March 3, 2021 Hospital and Housing Committee to approve a new set of committee members.

8. Adjournment

MOVED by David Corey **SECONDED** by Kaye Melliship.

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 pm.