



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF

THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019

PRESENT: **VOTING**

Councillor Kelly Fehr, Chair
Councillor Kari Gares, Vice-Chair
Jake Russell, Community at Large representative
Annette Sharkey, Social Planning Council
Lianne Longdo, Community at Large representative
Glory Westwell, Habitat for Humanity
Charles Wills, Seniors Representative

NON-VOTING

Councillor Paul Britton, City of Armstrong

ABSENT: Nanette Drobot, BC Housing
Brad Stinn, Building representative
Russ Balance, Interior Health Authority

GUESTS: Celine Maboules, Health Sciences Association of B.C.
Matt Thomson, Urban Matters

STAFF: Roy Nuriel, Economic Planner/Staff Liaison
Natasha Kositsin, Acting Legislative Committee Clerk
Janice Nicol, Legislative Committee Clerk

ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA**

Moved by Annette Sharkey, seconded by Glory Westwell:

THAT the agenda for Thursday, March 14, 2019 for the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

Moved by Annette Sharkey, seconded by Jake Russell:

THAT the minutes of the February 14, 2019 Affordable Housing Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**FEEDBACK ON THE
UPDATED HOUSING
AND
HOMELESSNESS
STRATEGIES**

The Committee reviewed the update provided at last meeting from Matt Thomson of Urban Matters to the Attainable Housing and Homelessness Strategy and provided the following feedback:

Affordable Housing Section:

- Plan focuses on more affordable housing instead of homelessness
- City Staff reviewing strategies and comments
- The Committee provided the following suggestions:
 - Include low income percentage data to graph
 - Include a graphic for vacancy rate in Vernon – note: Social Planning has a graph with the latest homeless sleeping outside compared to the vacancy rates that can be shared.
 - Add number of people close to homelessness into data
 - Add the definition of Affordability versus Attainability
 - Needs more context to the recommendation section – references to Best Practices Section
 - Add a summary with references so people can go to the appropriate section for more information
 - Add an executive summary with focus for the next five years, have Action Items in the Best Practices/Appendices
 - Add reference to Tiny Homes to Item 11 (Pg. 13) as another form of affordable homes.

Homelessness Section:

- Need a Scattered Site Model that would show more detail
- Include a glossary of terms
- Need more context for youth and the younger generation in the school system
- Provide plan to Vernon citizens and realtors.

**2018 HOMELESS
CENSUS RESULTS**

The 2018 Homeless Census Results were reviewed by the Committee and the provided the following input:

- Homelessness survey, completed by volunteers, will continue on an annual basis.
- Suggestion to add the weather condition on the night of the survey to the statistics.

NEW BUSINESS:

**REACHING HOME:
CANADA'S
HOMELESSNESS
STRATEGY,
FEDERAL GRANT
PROGRAM**

The Committee reviewed Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy, Federal Grant Program and provided the following input:

- There are three stages being assessed as part of this grant application. The grant is for support (storage and outreach).
- Application deadline is April 8th.

**DIRECTION FROM
COUNCIL – NEW
SHELTER USES –
CONSULTATION
(RESOLUTION
ATTACHED)**

The Committee reviewed the attached Resolution from Council regarding New Shelter Uses Consultation and provided the following input:

- Future shelters will need to go before Council for rezoning and neighbouring residents and businesses will be informed.
- The City Administration is investigating the legality of own ability to made requirements of senior government policy.

**HOUSING
ASSESSMENT
UPDATE**

- Deferred to next meeting

INFORMATION ITEMS:

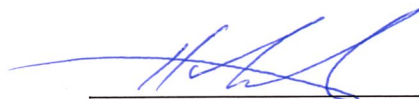
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 4 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


_____ Chair