



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON
MINUTES OF
THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, August 26, 2021

PRESENT: **VOTING**

Councillor Kelly Fehr
Councillor Kari Gares
Jake Russell, Community at Large representative
Kimberly Fuller, Community at Large representative
Annette Sharkey, Social Planning Council
Catherine Lord, Seniors Rep.
Glory Westwell, Habitat for Humanity

ABSENT: Brad Stinn, Building representative
Colleen McEwan, Interior Health Authority
Nanette Drobot, BC Housing
Councillor Paul Britton, City of Armstrong

STAFF: Roy Nuriel, Staff Liaison, Economic Development Planner
Lynn Presslauer, Minute Taker

ORDER The Committee Clerk called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**LAND
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** *As chair of the City of Vernon's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, and in the spirit of this gathering, I recognize the City of Vernon is located in the traditional territory of the Syilx people of the Okanagan nation.*

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA** Moved by Catherine Lord; seconded by Kari Gares;
THAT the agenda for Thursday, August 16, 2021 for the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES** Moved by Kari Gares, seconded by Annette Sharkey:

THAT the minutes of the July 8, 2021 Affordable Housing Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY - UPDATE**

Moved by Gloria Westwell, seconded by Kari Gares:
THAT the Habitat for Humanity update be deferred to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:**HOUSING
AGREEMENT FOR
5545 AND 5577 27TH
AVENUE -VERNON
NATIVE HOUSING
(DVP00519)**

Roy Nuriel, Economic Development Planner, reviewed the proposed development for 5577 27th Avenue and housing agreement for 5545 and 5577 27th Avenue. The following points were included:

- The Committee is familiar with the existing building (Phase I) Thunderbird Manor. The second building is for 35 units, 1 – 4 bedroom sizes to accommodate families as well as some accessible units and will have similar amenities to the first building. A blanket easement will allow use/sharing of access, parking area, and other amenities as open space and playground between the two buildings.
- Council is set to meet September 7, 2021 to consider the housing agreement which allow to waive the Development Cost Charges (DCC's) and to secure both buildings as non-profit under management of the Vernon Native Housing Society.
- Discussion ensued regarding the Committees' ability to provide input on projects at earlier stages prior to final recommendation. Roy Nuriel provided information on the City of Vernon's role when working with non-profit organizations and Developers. There are bylaws and policies in place that guide the process. It was also noted that the Advisory Planning Committee supported the requested variances on this project.
- It was determined that AHAC Scope of Work in the Committee's Terms of Reference is to decide on whether they support the housing agreement, and not the development or structural design of the project. Questions were put forward regarding reduced parking and shadow impact on neighbouring buildings. The Committee was satisfied that the Housing Agreement adequately addressed these concerns.

Moved by Kari Gares, seconded by Catherine Lord:

THAT the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee approve the recommendation as presented to support entering a Housing Agreement for the second building of this project.

Six in favour, one opposed.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

The Committee agreed to provide opportunities for more discussion on affordable housing in general.


NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date to be announced.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

 Chair