



**CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON**

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019 @ 4 P.M.**

**OKANAGAN LAKE ROOM**

**A G E N D A**

- 1) **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- 2) **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**  
March 14, 2019 (attached)
- 3) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
  - a) Update on the Discussion on Housing and Homelessness Strategies
- 4) **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a) Senior (65+) Committee position
  - b) Update 1970 Changes to Federal Income Tax Act
- 5) **INFORMATION ITEMS:**
- 6) **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**  
The next meeting is tentative
- 7) **ADJOURNMENT**



## 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 8<sup>th</sup>.

**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