



The **Minutes** of the **Mission Sustainable Housing Committee** meeting held in **Conference Room 2** at 7337 Welton Street and by videoconference on Thursday, January 12, 2023 commencing at 3:00 pm.

Members Present: Dawn Hein, Mission Association for Community Living, Chair  
Tia Everitt, Mission Association for Seniors Housing, Alternate Chair  
Carol Hamilton, Councillor  
Ana Sanchez Bardales, Fraser Health Authority  
Larry Jhaj, Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction  
Judith Ray, Citizen Representative  
Paula Sharpe, SARA for Women  
Nate McCready, Mission Community Services Society

Members Absent: Annie Charker, Citizen Representative  
Gerald Heinrichs, Heinrichs Developments  
Indigenous Housing Provider  
Mission Hope Central

Staff Present: Mike Dickinson, Manager of Long Range Planning and Special Projects  
Dena Kae Beno, Housing Coordinator  
Sandra Horvath, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Kaitlin Kaartinen, Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction  
Thomas Hruby, resident

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

### 2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved and seconded,

That the agenda of the Mission Sustainable Housing Committee meeting held on January 12, 2023 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

### 3. **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Moved and seconded,

That the minutes of the December 8, 2022 meeting of the Mission Sustainable Housing Committee be approved.

CARRIED

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

##### (a) Affordable Housing Strategy Implementation

###### i. Housing Coordinator Updates

D. Kae Beno and M. Dickinson provided updates.

###### ***CMHC's Rapid Housing Initiative***

Applications are now being accepted. The Initiative is for capital contributions for the rapid construction of new housing and/or acquisition of existing buildings for rehabilitation or conversion to permanent affordable housing. The City is working with community partners to assist them in submitting applications.

###### ***Community Wellness Strategy***

The Strategy was presented to Council on January 9, 2023. To address Council's concerns, a Council workshop will be scheduled to examine aspects of the Strategy in further detail. The Strategy will be introduced to the public as part of a symposium to be held on January 26, 2023.

###### ***Affordable Housing Reserve Fund***

Internal engagement with Department Directors is starting next week to discuss a new Affordable Housing Reserve Fund. The Fund would collect various types of contributions such as cash in lieu from density bonusing program, community amenity contributions, and other voluntary sources.

A series of shared learning sessions with other municipalities that have these reserve funds in place already is being planned.

In May/June, engagement with the broader community including developers, non-profit, indigenous, funders (BC Housing, CMHC), etc. will take place.

###### ***Research and Development Work***

Some of the research and development work being done includes:

- Safe and secure housing policy background research (to protect renters, rental units with new development, and standards of maintenance).
- Better tracking of demolitions to determine the impacts on housing in the community.
- A demolition strategy - the Mission Community Heritage Commission is also looking at this, though under a heritage conservation lens.
- The ability for the City to leverage cash in lieu for density bonusing.

###### ***Official Community Plan***

The City is looking at the scope of an OCP Review to occur this year. The current OCP was adopted five years ago and needs to be updated to reflect growth in the community, such as the need for more housing, housing affordability, and local employment.

Further, through policies within the OCP, the City's strategies and masterplans will be looked at to ensure mutual alignment.

A Council Workshop will be scheduled in the near future, followed by Request for Proposals (RFP) for a consultant.

***Federal Housing Advocate Housing and Homelessness Submissions***

The Federal Housing Advocate is now accepting housing and homelessness submissions through an online portal. The submission tool allows housing providers and members of the public to share their housing experiences and concerns to help inform the Advocate's goal of implementing the human right to adequate housing in Canada. The information will be used to assist in making recommendations to the Minister responsible for housing related to upholding the federal right to housing.

J. Ray informed the Committee that the earlier in the day, the provincial government announced a new \$500-million fund dedicated to protecting tenants and preserving affordable rental homes for decades.

**5. ROUNDTABLE**

The Committee members provided various updates.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 3:00 pm in Conference Room 2 at 7337 Welton Street, Mission, BC and by videoconference.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved and seconded,

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:54 pm.