



The **Minutes** of the **Mission Sustainable Housing Committee** meeting held in **Conference Room 2** at 7337 Welton Street and by videoconference on Thursday, June 8, 2023 commencing at 3:00 pm.

Members Present: Dawn Hein, Mission Association for Community Living, Chair
Michelle Puffer, SARA for Women, Alternate Chair
Carol Hamilton, Councillor
Danny Plecas, Councillor, Alternate Council Representative
Annie Charker, Citizen Representative
Camilla Boisvert, Fraser Health Authority
Judith Ray, Citizen Representative
Nate McCready, Mission Community Services Society

Members Absent: Gerald Heinrichs, Heinrichs Developments
Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
Indigenous Housing Provider
Mission Association for Seniors Housing
Mission Hope Central

Others Present: Dave Westley, Citizen
Kim Reddicopp, Fraser Valley Refugee Readiness Team

Staff Present: Mike Dickinson, Manager of Long Range Planning and Special Projects
Dena Kae Beno, Housing Coordinator - joined the meeting at 3:44 pm
Sandra Horvath, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded,

1. That the following item be added to this agenda under "New Business":

Housing for Refugees and Newcomers

2. That the June 8, 2023 Mission Sustainable Housing Committee agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Moved and seconded,

That the minutes of the May 11, 2023 meeting of the Mission Sustainable Housing Committee be approved.

CARRIED

4. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Updated 2023 Meeting Schedule

An updated meeting schedule for the remainder of 2023 was provided to the Committee as information.

On February 6, 2023, Council adopted Policy ADM.41(C) Committees of Council which included a change to the frequency of meetings for this Committee from monthly to bi-monthly.

(b) Affordable Housing Strategy Implementation

i. Housing Coordinator Updates

Affordable Housing Innovation Day

M. Dickinson provided the Committee with an update on the discussion topics planned for the upcoming Affordable Housing Innovation Day, which encompass:

- policy partnerships, and Innovation – Intergovernmental Perspectives;
- faith in Mission;
- safe and secure rental housing and practices in Mission; and
- private sector perspectives related to affordable housing creation.

The event is being held on June 14, 2023 at Northview Church in Mission. Committee members are encouraged to attend.

Density Bonusing Program and CAC Review

The consultants are examining the density bonusing program and community amenity policy to form data for an economic analysis. Their analysis will serve as a foundation for creating policies and bylaws for the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund. The consultants will also be looking at other BC municipalities for best practices to inform the density bonusing review.

Safe and Secure Housing Strategies

D. Kae Beno will be looking at safe and secure housing strategies (housing demolitions, approaches for relocating tenants when there's new development).

Discussion ensued and the Committee requested that staff provide an update on the number of new in-stream residential units, including if any are for families (e.g., 2 – 3+ bedroom units). Furthermore, it was agreed that this be a standing item on the upcoming agendas of this Committee. It was noted that staff will be providing an Affordable Housing Strategy quarterly report to Council in August. This report will also include a data update that informs the status of unit amounts and types.

Action Item: M. Dickinson will send the Committee an update on the number of in-stream housing units before the next meeting.

(c) Housing for Refugees and Newcomers

Kim Reddicopp of Fraser Valley Refugee Readiness Team (FV RRT) provided an overview to the Committee on who this team is, and how they are working to provide aid to the cities of Mission, Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Maple Ridge, and Pitt Meadows. The Team is funded by the Provincial Government to ensure these communities are prepared to accommodate and respond effectively to the requirements of Afghan refugees and displaced Ukrainians. The FV RRT focuses on four main areas: housing, healthcare, information coordination, and employment.

A community information session is being held at Copper Hall in Mission on Monday, June 26, 2023, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The session will offer insights on renting to newcomers, with refugees and displaced Ukrainians sharing experiences and housing challenges. Professionals from various fields will join the panel for a discussion. Committee members are encouraged to attend.

5. ROUNDTABLE

The Committee members provided various updates.

6. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 14, 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 4:00 pm.