



Committee Minutes

Affordable Housing Task Force June 24, 2022 – 2:00 PM

The Affordable Housing Task Force met on the above date through electronic means with the following members in attendance:

Present: Warden Hicks, Councillors Burley, Keaveney and O'Leary

Regrets: Councillor McQueen

Staff

Present: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Community Services; Randy Scherzer, Deputy CAO; Mary Lou Spicer, Director of Finance; Scott Taylor, Manager of Planning Services; Liz Buckton, Senior Planner; Aaron Whitney, Manager of Facilities and Operations – Housing; Tara Warder, Clerk and Rob Hatten, Communications Manager

Call to Order

Vice Chair Burley called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations made.

Reports

Addendum to PDR-AF-09-22 Public Lands for Housing Project – Status Update

Liz Buckton addressed the Task Force on the progress of the Surplus Lands for Affordable Housing Project. She provided an overview of the status of each of the four main project components and associated workflows.

There is ongoing communications and this is the first project update that has been provided. Further reporting will occur as project milestones are completed.

In terms of the Project Hosting and Messaging workflow, data gathering is currently underway. Statistics and demographic information is being summarized for the Affordable Housing waitlist. The 2015 Housing Data Report has been reviewed in detail and 2021 Census Data will assist in calculating updated affordability thresholds for owner and rental households. These thresholds will guide the creation of a specific affordable housing creation target for Grey County. The average market rent a year ago was around \$1000 per month. In snapshot views and listings from March and May, the average market rent is approximately \$1700 per month.

Staff will continue to work with the intent of delivering key project messaging and material. The Geographic Information System Affordable Housing Screener tool is ongoing.

Ms. Buckton noted that a review of the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) status has been compiled and the majority of the member municipalities have these in place. She spoke to the benefits of having an approved CIP.

Development of a site-screening/better practices document and ordered process mapping document has taken place.

She then spoke to the municipal liaison workflow, noting that it includes initial outreach and scheduling of roundtables with municipalities and then will be expanded to include stakeholders and potential partners such as local non-profit housing providers.

Staff addressed questions and comments from the Task Force.

The Task Force spoke to NIMBYism and the work being done on communicating the need for housing for all.

It was noted that the financial aspects of this are important and there is a need to have a deep understanding of the processes. Grey County will play a big part to make these programs work and aid developers in navigating them.

AF08-22 Moved by: Councillor O'Leary Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

**That Addendum to Report PDR-AF-09-22 regarding a status update on use of surplus public lands for affordable housing be received;
and**

That regular updates continue to be provided back to the Affordable Housing Task Force.

Carried

HDR-AF-13-22 Lutheran Social Services Affordable Housing Build

Anne Marie Shaw presented the above noted report. Lutheran Social Services Owen Sound formerly put forward a proposal to build 32 units of affordable and market housing on a property at 3rd Ave East in Owen Sound. Circumstances have changed since the time of the writing of the report and staff are now recommending that the report be received for information. Staff will continue working with the nonprofits to see what options are available to make the project work.

Moved by: Warden Hicks

Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That staff report HDR-AF-13-22 regarding the Lutheran Social Services Affordable Housing Build be received; and

That a monthly subsidy be provided to Lutheran Social Services Owen Sound to supplement operating costs for the new affordable build; and

That the funds for the operating subsidy come from the existing nonprofit housing budget.

Based on a change of circumstances, the above motion was withdrawn.

AF09-22

Moved by: Warden Hicks

Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That staff report HDR-AF-13-22 regarding the Lutheran Social Services Affordable Housing Build be received for information.

Carried

HDR-AF-14-22 Request for Proposal 14th Street Housing

Anne Marie Shaw presented the above noted report. A Request for Tender is being issued on June 27th to close on July 18, 2022 for the construction of the 14th Street Housing Project.

Anne Marie Shaw then reviewed the drawings.

It was suggested that the project be reviewed by the Accessibility Advisory Committee at its next meeting.

AF10-22

Moved by: Councillor O'Leary

Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That staff report HDR-AF-14-22 regarding an update to the Request for Tender for the 14th Street Renovation be received for information.

Other Business

There was no other business

Next Meeting Dates

To be determined

On motion by Councillor Keaveney and O'Leary, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.

Dwight Burley, Vice Chair