



# Committee Minutes

## Affordable Housing Task Force January 14, 2022 – 9:30 AM

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

Present: Warden Hicks, Councillors McQueen, Burley, Keaveney and O’Leary

Regrets: Councillor Soever

### Staff

Present: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Mary Lou Spicer, Director of Finance; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing; Randy Scherzer, Deputy CAO; Scott Taylor, Senior Planner; Garrett Reed, Financial Analyst; Heather Morrison, Clerk; Tara Warder, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator and Olivia Yale, Digital Communications Specialist

## Call to Order

Chair McQueen called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

## Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations made.

## HDR-AF-02-22 Request for Proposal for Architectural Services 396 14<sup>th</sup> Street Owen Sound Project

Anne Marie Shaw presented the above noted report. The property and building at 396 14<sup>th</sup> St. in Owen Sound is being purchased for the purpose of supportive housing and will fill a great need.

Staff have prepared an RFP for architectural services for four phases of the renovation. She outlined the phases: Schematic design and development phase, construction document phase, bidding and negotiation phase and the construction phase.

The RFP will be released January 21, 2022. The property purchase closes on January 20, 2021. Further timelines for drawings and site plan approval were noted.

The estimated completion of the renovation is March 2023.

Discussion occurred on the lack of funding for adult mental health services and the need for additional supports. The province is conducting a review of supportive housing and mental health supports so there is a recognition of the need.

It was noted that broadband will be part of the supportive housing infrastructure.

AF01-22      Moved by: Councillor Burley      Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

**That Report HDR-AF-02-21 regarding the request for proposal for architectural services for 396 14<sup>th</sup> Street Owen Sound project be received for information.**

Carried

## Other Business

### *Verbal Update on Waiver of Conditions of Agreement of Purchase and Sale*

Anne Marie Shaw noted that all the conditions were waived for the property on 14<sup>th</sup> Street in Owen Sound.

Kim Wingrove noted that staff are engaged with the current commercial tenants of the building and are assisting with finding alternative locations.

### *Verbal Update on the Surplus County/Municipal Lands for Affordable Housing Project*

Scott Taylor addressed the Task Force on investigating surplus lands that could be used for affordable housing. He noted that the County submitted a funding application to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to move the project forward but were not successful in getting the funding. Grey County has however been able to access Social Services Relief Funding (SSRF) and are pleased to announce that Liz Buckton has been hired to work on this project. She will be investigating the lands mapped across Grey County to see if any are suitable for affordable housing and examining what is needed for a successful site.

Municipal consultation, public engagement and potential partnerships were also discussed.

## *Official Plan Amendment # 11 – Update on housing-related proposed policy changes*

Scott Taylor updated the Task Force on proposed Official Plan Amendment 11. Staff are updating policies to make them more permissive with respect to additional units, adding in cohousing policies, and clarifying the tiny home provisions. At this stage, all are proposed policies, and a public meeting will be held on February 3, 2022, at 1:30 on Zoom. Following the public meeting, changes will be made based on feedback received and a final report will be presented to Committee of the Whole mid-year.

## *Housing Recommendations from the Hanover – Owen Sound Task Force*

Staff are compiling a final report from the Hanover – Owen Sound Task Force. Many of the recommendations are similar to ones that are within the Affordable Housing Action Plan or compatible with it. Staff are proposing that the housing related recommendations come to this task force to avoid duplication. February is the anticipated timeframe for completion of the report and related recommendations will come to this group following the report completion.

## *Resolution from County of Huron – Homelessness Crisis and Need for Program Support*

AF02-22      Moved by: Councillor Keaveney      Seconded by: Councillor Burley

**That the correspondence and resolution from the County of Huron regarding the homelessness crisis and need for program support be received for information.**

Carried

## Next Meeting Dates

To be determined.

On motion by Councillor O’Leary and Councillor Burley, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Paul McQueen, Chair