



Committee Minutes

Affordable Housing Task Force September 19, 2022 – 1:00 PM

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

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

Regrets: None.

Staff

Present: Randy Scherzer, Deputy CAO; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Community Services; Becky Hillyer, Intermediate Planner; Scott Taylor, Manager of Planning Services; Liz Buckton, Senior Planner; Aaron Whitney, Manager of Facilities and Operations – Housing; Rob Hatten, Communications Manager; Tara Warder, Clerk; Sarah Goldrup, Deputy Clerk/Legislated Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair McQueen called the meeting to order at 12:59 PM.

Moment of Silence

Chair McQueen called for a moment of silence and reflection in honour of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and her reign of dedicated service.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Delegations

There were no delegations.

Reports – Planning and Development

Addendum 2 to PDR-AF-09-22 - Surplus Lands for Housing

Project

Liz Buckton presented to the Committee regarding the data that has informed the Surplus Lands for Housing project and the County's understanding of local affordability thresholds. The presenter reviewed data for household incomes, affordable housing costs by income, scans of the current rental and real estate market, and other considerations, including increasing applicants on the County's affordable housing waitlist. Further, the presenter spoke about future data collection to improve calculations, pilot site assessments for the surplus lands project, and the use of data for future tools, communications, and stakeholder discussions.

In response to questions from the Committee, staff discussed the lower median household incomes in primary settlement areas and the contributing factors present in those communities, such as rental availability or access to services. Further, staff explained how the data highlights that the affordability problem is not equally distributed across the County and that a regional perspective will be essential to match housing needs with the appropriate tools and resources. Staff described how the County would use the data to quantify housing needs and inform how the limited supply of surplus lands might be used.

AF11-22 Moved by: Councillor Keaveney Seconded by: Councillor Burley

That Addendum 2 to Report PDR-AF-09-22 regarding a status update on use of surplus public lands for affordable housing be received for information.

Carried

Reports – Community Services

14th Street Supportive Housing - Verbal Update

Aaron Whitney presented to the Committee to share a verbal update on the 14th Street Supportive Housing project, noting asbestos removal, the ongoing permitting process, and efforts to meet project deadlines.

Notice to Service Users - New Grey County Emergency Shelter and Diversion Program - Verbal Update

Anne Marie Shaw presented to the Committee to share a verbal update on the September 21, 2022, launch of the Short-Term Shelter Program. The presenter explained that the launch would bring short-term shelter services into the in-house operations at the County. This would allow for multiple departments to provide services and supports along with community partners. Further, the presenter described access to

services during business hours at the Grey County Administration Building in Owen Sound and the Grey County Social Services Satellite Office in Hanover or information anytime by contacting 2-1-1. Anne Marie Shaw stated she would provide an update to County Council within the next few months.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Next Meeting Dates

To be determined

On motion by Councillor O'Leary, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Paul McQueen, Chair