



Committee Minutes

Affordable Housing Task Force July 19, 2021 – 1:00 PM

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

Present: Warden Selwyn Hicks; Councillors Dwight Burley, Paul McQueen, Alar Soever, Shirley Keaveney and Brian O’Leary

Staff

Present: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing; Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning; Scott Taylor, Manager of Planning Services; Heather Morrison, Clerk; Becky Hillyer, Planner; Kathie Nunno, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator and Heather Aljoe, Marketing & Communications Specialist

Call to Order

Chair McQueen called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations made.

Closed Meeting Matters

AF06-21 Moved by: Councillor Keaveney Seconded by: Warden Hicks

That the Affordable Housing Task Force does now move into closed session at 1:04 PM to discuss an item that relates to a proposed or pending acquisition of land by the municipality or local board. (Meaford Long-Term Care building); and

That staff remain in attendance.

Carried

The Affordable Housing Task Force returned to open session at 1:47 PM. Chair McQueen confirmed that only the matter identified was discussed in closed session.

Reports

HDR-AF-12-21 Lutheran Social Services Affordable Housing Proposal

AF07-21 Moved by: Councillor O'Leary Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That staff report HDR-AF-12-21 be received;

That \$3,000,000 in Affordable Housing Funding for a 32 unit affordable and attainable senior housing build through Lutheran Social Services Owen Sound be supported; and

That a by-law be brought forward for Council's consideration authorizing the Warden and Clerk to sign an agreement with Lutheran Social Services Owen Sound for County funds and an agreement for the Provincial funds for a 20-year forgivable loan through the Affordable Housing Fund.

Carried

HDR-AF-13-21 Rent Supplement Program Additional Funds

AF08-21 Moved by: Councillor Keaveney Seconded by: Warden Hicks

That staff report HDR-CW-13-21 pertaining to additional funds for the rent supplement program be received for information.

Carried

HDR-AF-14-21 Update Transitional Units and Homelessness Response Table

AF09-21 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That staff report HDR-AF-14-21 pertaining to an update on transitional units and the Homelessness Response Table be received for information.

Carried

HDR-AF-15-21 Odawa Heights Build Update

AF10-21 Moved by: Councillor Soever Seconded by: Warden Hicks

That staff report HDR-CW-15-21 pertaining to an update on the Odawa Heights build update be received for information.

Carried

PDR-AF-19-21 Rental Housing Update and Next Steps

AF11-21 Moved by: Councillor O'Leary Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That Addendum to Report PDR-AF-19-21 regarding a rental housing update be received; and

That staff continue to consult with rental housing developers and providers on future opportunities and challenges to providing additional market and affordable rental housing; and

That staff be directed to incorporate the follow-up items identified in this report as part of the Housing Action Plan and to provide a status update on these actions at a future Task Force meeting; and

That this report be shared with member municipal staff within Grey County.

Carried

Westmount Sale of Units

Anne Marie Shaw provided a verbal update on the Westmount sale of units. All tenants have been notified that they may ask to be added to a list if they are interested in exploring the purchase of the available unit. Those on the list will be given information on the home ownership program. If no interest is received by the end of July, the unit will be put on the open market. One family is interested in purchasing their home and staff are working with the family.

Rowes Lane Dundalk Build

Anne Marie Shaw provided a verbal update on the Rowes Lane Dundalk build. As part of the Affordable Housing Action Plan, staff are considering the possibility of using excess land on the Rowes Lane property in Dundalk. Staff is obtaining preliminary information such as how many units could be built, funding opportunities, and what the options look like. A report will be coming forward to a future Affordable Housing Task Force meeting.

Funding Opportunity

Scott Taylor and Becky Hillyer provided a verbal update on a funding opportunity through Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation's housing supply challenge. Phase II provides up to \$75,000 to be used for removing pre-construction barriers such as zoning and marketability which might tie in nicely with working with member municipalities to find eligible properties and engage with developers, not-for-profit organizations, and community around affordable housing. Successful applicants have a six-month window to complete the work and then apply for phase III to implement some of the projects.

Dwight Burley left the meeting during the funding opportunity discussion.

Other Business

Letter from the Municipality of Meaford Regarding Grey County's Allocation of Payment In-lieu Settlement Award for the 4th Canadian Division Canadian Training Centre

A12F-21 Moved by: Warden Hicks Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That the Affordable Housing Task Force recommends that the additional tax payment received for the 4th Canadian Division Training Centre in the amount of \$370,100 by the County of Grey be transferred to an affordable housing reserve and dedicated for new affordable or attainable housing projects within the Municipality of Meaford.

Carried

Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

On motion by and Councillor Soever and Warden Hicks, the meeting adjourned at 2:39 PM.

Paul McQueen, Chair