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Homelessness and Affordable Housing Select Committee Minutes

February 21, 2018 at 9 am
Council Chambers

Members Present:

Roger Albert, Chair
Kathy Duperron, Vice-Chair
Ian Cooper
Bobby Herron
Councillor Jesse Ketler

Staff:

Rachel Parker, Deputy Corporate Officer

Regrets: Mark Fortin, Elaine Julian

Mr. Albert called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

1. Approval of Agenda

Duperron/Cooper: THAT the Committee approve the agenda with the Committee member reports changed to item 3.

Carried

2. Adoption of Minutes

Duperron/Herron: THAT the Committee adopt the minutes of January 17, 2018.

Carried

3. Reports from Committee members

Mr. Cooper reported on the open house for the development permit application and development variance application for 2727 Dunsmuir Avenue (Rideout Construction) and questioned why the development was not referred to the Committee.

Discussion took place on a policy to direct staff to encourage developers to meet with the Committee to explore avenues to provide affordable housing and affordable housing agreements. Discussion also took place on reconsidering the creation of content for a brochure in 2018 to identify developer opportunities for innovation in multi-family developments.

Mr. Cooper further reported on the John Howard Society's 10-bed youth transition housing project.

Ms. Duperron reported that arrangements have been made to participate in the Point in Time Council on March 7, 2018 from 2 to 4 pm at Tarbell's Café. Posters will be distributed.

Mr. Herron reported that the process to register the name Cumberland Community Housing Society is underway with the BC societies registrar. He is seeking volunteers to sit as directors. Mr. Herron further reported on a meeting with Island Health Board on the Island Health lots on Second Street and suggested a role for the new Cumberland Community Housing Society to support a supportive housing project.

Councillor Ketler reported on the submission of a resolution to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities conference on social assistance support continuity for housing.

4. Unfinished Business

- 4.1 Continuation of Committee: The continuation of the Committee with a new scope of work was received.
- 4.2 Leisure Access Program: This update was received.
- 4.3 2018 Budget Update: The budget update was received.
- 4.4 Resolution to Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC), Councillor Ketler update: Received under item 3
- 4.45 Point in Time Count on Wednesday, March 7th, 2018: Received under item 3

5. New Business

- 5.1 Explore establishment and Funding of Housing Corporation / Cumberland Community Housing Society

Further discussion took place on exploring seed funding, operating funding, and project funding; defining the mandate and structure of the new society; to contact the BC Not-for-Profit Housing Association for funding opportunities and guidance.

Discussion also took place on exploring development application fees to a land bank fund, development cost charges reduction, fees or taxes, corporate donations and social procurement, amenity funds, and establishment of an affordable housing reserve fund.

Duperron/Herron: That the Committee explore funding contributions to and the establishment of an affordable housing reserve fund.

Carried

5.2 Homelessness Protocols: To be presented at the next meeting.

5.3 Discussion took place on recruitment of new members.

6. Upcoming meetings

6.1 Members agreed to possibly change the next regular meeting from March 21, 2018 to March 14, 2018, which will be confirmed.

7. Adjournment

Ketler/Duperron: The meeting was adjourned at 11:05pm.

Carried

Certified Correct:

Chair

Deputy Corporate Officer