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Homelessness and Affordable Housing Select Committee

Minutes

January 17, 2018 at 9 am

Council Chambers

Members Present:

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

Staff:

Rachel Parker, Deputy Corporate Officer

Regrets: Ian Cooper, Mark Fortin, Elaine Julian

Mr. Albert called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

1. Approval of Agenda

Duperron/Ketler

THAT the Committee adopt the agenda with the following additional items: Island Health parcels, resolutions to Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities.

Carried

2. Adoption of Minutes

2.1 November 8, 2017

Duperron/Herron

THAT the Committee adopt the minutes as presented.

Carried

3. Delegations

None

4. Unfinished Business

4.1 Leisure Access Program: Jan 8, 2018 Staff report referred to 2018 budget process

4.2 2018 Budget Update – budget to be confirmed in March 2018

The information was received.

5. New Business

5.1 Reports from Committee members

- (a) Councillor Ketler reported on the December and January *Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness* meetings, with information on a proposed temporary housing project in Courtenay, the loss of benefits for individuals in recovery programs, housing agreement for the Kensington development in the CVRD, plans for the Point in Time Council and Coldest Day of the Year events, and 2018 funding allocations and possible matching funds from BC Housing.

Duperron/Herron

THAT Council submit a resolution to the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities requesting that the Province suspend, rather than terminate, income and subsidy benefits for individuals living in temporary housing, such as recovery programs and protective housing.

Carried

Councillor Ketler further reported on a Vancouver Island Economic Development Association meeting on economic trends related to housing.

- (b) An update was received on the status of the Second Street Island Health parcels that they continue to be held by Island Health for strategic purposes.

Herron/Duperron

THAT the Committee recommend that Council request a meeting with or present as delegation to the Island Health Board of Directors to promote and encourage the use of the Island Health land at Lot 4, 3349, and 3339 Second Street for supportive housing, and copy the request to MLA Scott Fraser, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Minister of Health.

Carried

- (c) Resolution to Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities

Duperron/Herron

THAT the Committee support a Council resolution to the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities for Provincial support for coordinated social planning on Vancouver Island.

Carried

- 5.2 Point in Time Count on Wednesday, March 7th, 2018: Proposal to promote and host a community lunch or meet & greet. Idea would be to attract those tenuously housed, in campers & couch surfing.

The Committee discussed requesting the Coalition to End Homelessness for support in capturing Cumberland information for the 2019 Comox Valley Point in Time Count.

- 5.4 Council has referred the matter of the future of the Committee to the Committee for its input – discussion on options

Duperron/Herron

THAT the Committee recommend that Council continue the Homelessness and Affordable Housing Select Committee and task it with

- exploring the establishment and funding of a Cumberland not for profit housing corporation;
- facilitating partnerships, specifically with development and non-profit partners, to identify project opportunities for any type of housing; and
- any other matters referred to it by Council.

Carried

Members also discussed the possibility of reducing the number of meetings and reducing its proposed budget.

6. Upcoming meetings

- 6.1 February 21, 2018 at 9 am

7. Adjournment

Duperron/Ketler

That the meeting adjourn at 11:10 a.m.

Carried

Certified Correct:



Deputy Corporate Officer

Chair

