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Homelessness and Affordable Housing Select Committee Minutes April 20, 2016 at 9 a.m. Council Chambers

Members Present:

Roger Albert, chair
Christopher Newell-Bate, vice-chair
Kathy Duperron
Mark Fortin
Elaine Julian
Councillor Roger Kishi (alternate)

Guests: Comox Valley Coalition to End

Homelessness, Housing Development Committee:

Richard Clarke
Bunny Shannon
Pat McKenna
Brent Hobden
Bob Scales

Regrets:

Ian Cooper
Councillor Jesse Ketler

Leslie Baird, Mayor

Staff:

Rachel Parker, Deputy Corporate Officer Jolene McElwain, Coalition Coordinator

Mr. Albert called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda
Newell-Bate/Duperron: THAT the agenda be approved.
Carried
2. Adoption of Minutes, March 16, 2016
Fortin/Duperron: THAT the minutes of the March 16, 2016 meeting be adopted.
Carried
3. Delegation: Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness, Housing Development Committee

Discussion took place on

- The new regional homelessness service and that the CVRD accepts recommendations from the Coalition on expenditures through the Coalition's Five Year Plan
- That the Five Year Plan is notional after the first two years
- That current conditions in the Comox Valley are that there are very few rental units and the vacant housing stock is gone

- The Cumberland Committee's upcoming work to develop an Affordable Housing Implementation Framework for Council's consideration
- The difficulty in defining "affordable housing" and for Cumberland it will be determined through recommendations from the Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee
- The plan to increase density in the Cumberland core area and the provision for flex units in the Trilogy development zoning
- Vacant land and opportunities for social housing within the Cumberland core service area; and opportunities for affordable housing through private development
- "Intentional communities" through mobile home parks and micro-housing and servicing
- The need for funding from senior government
- That the group meet again in the fall of 2016 when the Affordable Housing Implementation Framework is completed to discuss the potential for funded projects in Cumberland

Coalition members left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

4. Business Arising
None

5. Updates

(a) Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness
None

(b) Comox Bay Care Society, Care-A-Van Pilot
Discussion took place on facilitating the Care-A-Van in Cumberland, including offering other services at no cost, inviting local businesses to offer services in support of the Care-A-Van, setting out an annual schedule, continuing the lunch service by the United Church, and improving the profile and acceptability of use of the service.

Newell-Bate/Fortin: That the Committee request that the Care-A-Van establish a annual schedule for service in Cumberland.

Carried

Newell-Bate/Julian: That the Committee recommend that Council provide a donation of \$100 to the Comox Bay Care Society to assist with incidental costs for the Care-A-Van service in Cumberland.

Carried

(c) Zoning Bylaw Update, second draft
The consideration of the new zoning bylaw has been postponed due to an amendment to the official community plan bylaw.

6. For Information

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Federal Budget Highlights 2016
- BC Cities Must Cut Red Tape..., Globe and Mail, March 21, 2016
- Low Income Housing Units..., Globe and Mail, March 21, 2016

An update was received on the federal budget in relation to funding and the national housing strategy. Discussion took place on the need for land development processes, development permits, and development cost charges; and rent geared to income agreements.

7. Affordable Housing Implementation Framework

It was noted that the request for proposal has been issued and closes May 10, 2016.

8. Next meeting date: May 18, 2016 at 9 am

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Deputy Corporate Officer