Minutes

Beaverton Supportive Housing Liaison Committee

June 17th, 2021

In Attendance:

Alan Robins	Region of Durham, Director of Housing Services
Elaine Baxter-Trahair	Region of Durham, Chief Administrative Officer
Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou	Region of Durham, Commissioner of Social Services
Rachel Hirstwood-Judd	Region of Durham, Adult Community Support Worker
Cindy McCreight	Region of Durham, Administrative Assistant
Jill Proctor	
Arielle Fegan	
Rick Benoit	
Cortney-Anne Craft	
George Hewitt	
Brian Harding	
Mary Beddows	
David Ellins	
Brett Bloxam	

Regrets:

Karen Hakonson

Welcome and Introductions

- Alan welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Everyone introduced themselves.

Approval of the Agenda

- The agenda was approved.

Beaverton Supportive Housing Project Update

- Alan shared a presentation to provide an overview of the Region's long-term vision for housing. (see Attachment #1)
- The "At Home in Durham" is the Region's 10-year housing plan. This is supported by the work of the Master Housing Strategy and the recommendations of the Affordable and Seniors' Housing Task Force. All Service Managers in Ontario are required under the Housing Services Act to submit to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing an annual report on the status of their 10-year housing plan and make it available to the public.
- The global pandemic highlighted the vulnerability of many people and all levels of government stepped up to invest in communities. In Durham additional public

investments created 33 housing with supports opportunities in Whitby and 19 in Oshawa (in addition to the 21 units that recently came online). Once funding is approved, we are hoping to add another 45 supported units in Oshawa, in addition there are the 47 units in the Beaverton Supportive Housing Project.

- Additionally, Durham's Co-ordinated Access System identifies more than 200 housing opportunities and we will add another 100 in 2021. These opportunities range from Housing First programs to physical housing units with varying levels of support.
- Alan explained that the land at 133 Main St. Beaverton was identified for the development as it was already owned by the Region, zoned appropriately, and did not involve significant land alterations.
- Funds for this project were slated to come from both the Federal/Provincial governments and Regional Reserves.
- In October 2020 Durham Regional Council passed a motion to create a Beaverton Supportive Housing Community Liaison Committee. As Brock Council would not participate the committee was created without Brock Council involvement.
- Renderings of the proposed development were shown.
- It was noted that this building will be net zero with no gas/oil and solar panels will be installed on the roof.
- Questions that arose were addressed.
    - Smoking Policy – non-smoking building with an outdoor smoking area
    - Impact of delays on funding – waiting for next round of funding to be announced, hoping for Federal funding opportunity
    - On-site Supports – will include mental health & addictions, partnership with Lakeridge Health for those that are high acuity
    - Ministry of Health Roadmap to Wellness – consideration was given
    - Occupancy – tenants will be phased-in, applicable on-site supports must be available prior to move-in
    - The OrgCode Report is a recommendation and suitability study
    - Broadening representation on this committee to those with lived experience – The Supportive Housing Advisory Committee included representation from the GAP Committee (representing those with lived experience). The advisory committee approved the project charter. Incorporation of those with lived experience does not fall under the mandate for this committee.

<u>Finalize Terms of Reference</u>

- Everyone was asked to review the draft Terms of Reference and provide comments by Friday July 2nd.

<u>Next Steps</u>

- There is opportunity for guests at meetings.
- Meetings will be held monthly as noted in the Terms of Reference.
- A survey will be sent out to determine the date and time for the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned