

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

BEAVERTON SUPPORTIVE HOUSING LIAISON COMMITTEE

Monday, December 12th, 2022

A regular meeting of the Beaverton Supportive Housing Liaison Committee was held on Monday, December 12th, 2022 via Microsoft Teams at 5:00 PM.

Present: Brett Bloxam
George Hewitt
Johanne St. Louis
John Grant
Karen Hakonson
Lianne Megarry
Mary Beddows
Taylor Malcolm
***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Guest: Ingrid Svelnis
Absent: Courtney-Anne Croft
David Ellins

Staff

Present: Alan Robins, Director of Housing Services
Cindy McCreight, Administrative Assistant
Rachel Hirstwood-Judd, Adult Community Support Worker

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Mary Beddows, Seconded by Brett Bloxam, That the Agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF AUGUST 8TH MINUTES

Moved by Karen Hakonson, That the Minutes of August 8th be adopted. Seconded Rachel Hirstwood-Judd.

CARRIED

3. COMMITTEE COMMUNITY MEMBER RECRUITMENT

To fill the current vacancies the Region issued a call for Interest, similar to the initial call. Candidates were selected using the same criteria as the initial group.

Everyone introduced themselves and we welcomed Johanne St. Louis, John Grant, Lianne Megarry and Taylor Malcolm to the group.

4. DISCUSSION:

A. Project Update

- On schedule for completion late summer with occupancy in the fall of 2023.
- This project won The World Architecture News Award (WAN) and World Interiors News (WIN) Award receiving global recognition.

B. Site Works

- Continuing as scheduled.
- The foundation has been started.

C. Funding and Budget Update

- We are continuing to seek additional funding sources and are hopeful we will be successful in obtaining more funding.

Question:

Gillespie Gardens residents wanted to know if a fence with motion sensors has been incorporated into the cost.

Answer:

No, if the need for fencing arises once the project is operational it will be discussed then.

Question:

Does the budget include capital and operating and will this group see the budget?

Answer:

The Region's 2023-year budget includes operations. We are not anticipating any operating funding from the province or federal government. The budget is still being prepared for Council.

Question:

Will this group have the opportunity to review the RFP?

Answer:

A meeting will be scheduled to look at the components of the RFP. We aim to know who the operator will be within the first quarter of 2023.

Question:

What is meant by a "third party" to run operations?

Answer:

It would mean having a non-profit acting as building operator to handle the day-to-day operations with additional supports brought in for specialized needs.

- In the congregate living section, everyone will have their own self-contained bedroom with a shared bathroom and large lounge. The commercial kitchen and dining room will be available to all residents. This project is for both men and women and will have 37 self-contained bachelor units with kitchenettes, there will be 10 bedrooms in the congregate setting. Tenants will be required to sign an occupancy agreement which will include provisions on having guests. Access to the building will be secured.
- The robust intake process will allow us to match the needs of individuals with supports provided. The Operator, regional staff and current support agencies will be involved in the intake process. To promote successful outcomes, individuals with needs that cannot be supported on site will not be selected.
- The Community Hub will be available so residents of the community can also access supports and services.
- There may be a need to develop a strategy to communicate confidential information.

D. Communication Plan

- Inform the public the intention and provide updates on the project.
- It was suggested to have a Durham Region communication staff member attend a meeting.
- Consider having an Open House for the public after the RFP has gone out (spring 2023) which would allow the community to meet with committee members.

5. NEXT STEPS

- RFP
- Website updates

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday February 13th at 5:00 PM.

7. MEETING ADJOURNED

Moved by Mary Beddows, Seconded by Karen Hakonson, That the Meeting be Adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by _____

Alan Robins, Chair