

Committee Members Present: Co-Chair – R. Siemens; Co-Chair – R. Santiago; C. Bomhof; C. Gauthier; R. Jeffery; J. Wegenast; T. Johnson, A. Kaushal; S. Kupp, K. McArthur; B. Moriarty; J. Bird; C. Silver; J. Silver; F. Tick; E. Van Egmond; P. Wells; K. Friesen; C. Holmes; S. Bhatti; B. Maple; L. Talvio

City Staff Present: General Manger, Innovation, Strategy and Intergovernmental Relations – K. Treloar; Housing, Homelessness and Community Development Specialist – M. Sikora; Council Coordinator – S. McCallum; Aux Clerk III – K. Sandhu

Others Present: L. Nissanov – Vancity; A. Koslowsky – Vancity; K. Patenaude – Luma Native Housing Society; K. Sall – Service Canada; P-D. Krause – Urban Matters; A. Chiasson – Abbotsford Restorative Justice and Advocacy Association

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the Abbotsford Community Advisory Board Committee meeting of July 21, 2021

Moved by P. Wells seconded by E. Egmond that the minutes of the Community Advisory Board meeting held July 21, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS OUT OF MINUTES

No items.

4. DELEGATIONS

No items.

5. PRESENTATIONS

No items.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Verbal report by the Vancity Community Foundation Manager, L. Nissanov, Reaching Home Program and Team regarding the 2021 Call for Proposals and Review Committee Recommendations.

Moved by R. Siemens seconded by P. Wells that verbal report regarding the 2021 Call for Proposals and Review Committee recommendations be received for information.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 2021 Call for Proposals and Review Committee Recommendations

The Vancity Community Foundation Manager, L. Nissanov, provided a power point presentation regarding recommendations of Evaluation Committee for 2021/22 CFP. The committee received report of recommended proposals from Abbotsford RH Evaluation Committee. The committee also voted on recommendations to be forwarded to Abbotsford City Council for final approval for 2021/22 Reaching Home grant funds.

Moved by R.Siemens seconded by P.Wells that the Abbotsford Community Advisory Board support the recommendation of the Abbotsford Reaching Home Review Committee for the 2021 Reaching Home Proposals, as presented, to Abbotsford City Council for final approval.

CARRIED

8. MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

The committee members discussed next call-for-proposals process for 2022/23 Reaching Home funds, which will be released by end of 2021 in order to allow for applicants and services to be prepared for funding start in April 2022 without service gaps.

2022 Point in Time Count discussions are underway with projected time for count being March 2022 along with the rest of the Fraser Valley Region.

Archway Community Services looking for sites to facilitate additional shelter and drop in services alongside Drug War Survivors, ARJAA, and the 5&2 Ministry as part of the funding provided by Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), Strengthening Communities grant. There are challenges finding space for these uses, specifically in the downtown core. Please connect if anything is found. Can be two different locations.

MQHS Housing Yalestone opened its doors, and grand opening celebration was held to welcome the opportunity to serve others and celebrate the accomplishment of what was created with the space and people.

The member roundtable had a discussion about funding for coordination. There is \$72,411 available but no applications received for this particular use; a portion of coordination funds were held back for the Point-in-Time count in 2022, and the remainder will be utilized before end of year for subprojects that may need additional resources.

Fraser Valley Metis Association is looking for a space to hold larger programs & events, please reach out to them if you know of any landlords.

At the intergovernmental advocacy level the Mayor is lobbying the government for additional housing units in communities, working closely with agencies such as BC Housing & Fraser Health.

Reaching Homeless Project has an Indigenous focus. City of Abbotsford Homelessness Action Plan needs to be updated in this regard and needs a strategy to work with Indigenous, Metis & Inuit folks in our community.

Many Ways Home Society has officially shut down, but program participants were able to keep their homes. It was reported that there was a great expression of interest in action in the community to ensure that participants did not end up homeless. Embers has taken over the 'Sanctuary' townhouse portion of the program to include social housing and are doing this without requiring funding from the province as it is a good fit for them, and Phoenix Society is managing the remaining sites across the community with the support of BC Housing.

The committee members also discussed the next meeting date of December 15, 2021.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved J. Wegenast by seconded by C. Silver that the Community Advisory Board meeting held September 22, 2021, be adjourned at 3:00 pm.

CARRIED.