

Minutes of the Abbotsford Homelessness Task Force meeting held Thursday July 24, 2014, at 4:08pm in the Room 235 of Abbotsford City Hall

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Task Force Members Present: Councillor Ross – Co-Chair (part), Councillor Smith – Co-Chair, J. Burkinshaw, S. Kuperis, L. Loh, K. Matty (part), K. Macdonald (part), J. McElhoes, J. Njogu, R. Seimens (part), and M. Welte

Council Present: Mayor Banman and Councillor Braun

Staff Present: G. Murray – City Manager, J. Rudolph – Deputy City Manager, B. Rich - Chief Constable, M. Laljee – Manager, Bylaw Enforcement (part), and L. Ganske – Recording Secretary

Facilitator: C. Enns – Social Planning Consultant

Public Present: 29 +/-

1. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Councillor Smith, called the meeting to order at 4:08pm.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Chief Rich, seconded by J. Burkinshaw, that the minutes of the June 26, 2014, Homelessness Task Force meeting be adopted.

HTF32-2014

CARRIED.

3. DELEGATION

- .1 Lilly Kaetler, long-time resident and advocate for safe and healthy neighborhoods - valuable concerns on behalf of the countless residents in the city's core

Moved by J. Burkinshaw, seconded by Chief Rich that the delegation of Lilly Kaetler regarding safe and healthy neighbourhoods, be received.

HTF33-2014

CARRIED.

- .4 Judith Isaaks – Vertical houses idea

Moved by K. Matty, seconded by L. Loh, that the delegation of Judith Kaetler delegation regarding vertical houses, be received.

HTF34-2014

CARRIED.

.5 James W Breckenridge - the mathematics of homelessness

Moved by M. Welte, seconded by R. Seimens, that the delegation of James W Breckenridge regarding the mathematics of homelessness, be received.

HTF35-2014

CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS OUT OF MINUTES

.1 City of Vancouver Homeless Advocate (retired) - Judy Graves

Moved by J. Burkinshaw, seconded by K. Matty, that the presentation by Judy Graves regarding the City of Vancouver homelessness advocate, be received.

HTF36-2014

CARRIED.

.2 Interim Inventory of Services/Housing Report - Alison Stewart

Moved by L. Loh, seconded by R. Seimens, that the Interim Inventory of Services/Housing Report, by Alison Stewart of the Fraser Valley Regional District, be received.

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CARRIED.

.3 Homeless Action Plan Draft Update – C. Enns

.4 Federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy Funding Proposal – C. Enns

Moved by Councillor Ross, seconded by K. Matty, that the verbal report from the Homelessness Task Force Facilitator, regarding the Homeless Action Plan Draft Update and the Federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy Funding Proposal, be received.

HTF38-2014

CARRIED.

5. REPORTS

.1 Outreach, Drop-in and Case Management Working Group Report

.2 Housing Continuum Working Group Report

.3 Children at Risk: The Case for a Better Response to Parental Addiction

Moved by Councillor Ross, seconded by K. Matty, that the Outreach, Drop-in and Case Management Working Group, Housing Continuum Working Group; and, Children at Risk: The Case for a Better Response to Parental Addiction Report, be received.

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CARRIED.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- .1 Email dated June 23, 2014 from Richard & Angie Korkowski to Mayor and Council (also sent to Homelessness Task Force)

Moved by J. Burkinshaw, seconded by L. Loh, that the media distributed, be received.

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CARRIED.

7. MEDIA

- .1 Abbotsford Police Crackdown on Drugs at Homeless Camps – June 19, 2014 Abbotsford News
- .2 Homeless in a Boomtown (Fort McMurray) – City Regions Study Centre University of Alberta by Pushpanjali Dashora and Solina Richter
- .3 Sanctioned Homeless Camp Rife With Issues (Dignity Village) June 27, 2014 Abbotsford News
- .4 Police Investigate Home on Gladys Avenue - July 3, 2014 Abbotsford News
- .5 City Asks Court to Throw Out Suit Alleging Mistreatment of Homeless – July 4, 2014 Abbotsford News

Moved by M. Welte, seconded by Councillor Ross, that the media distributed, be received.

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CARRIED.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

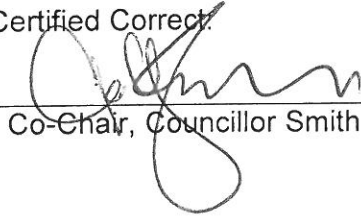
Moved by M. Welte that the July 24, 2014, Homelessness Task Force meeting be adjourned (6:59 p.m.)

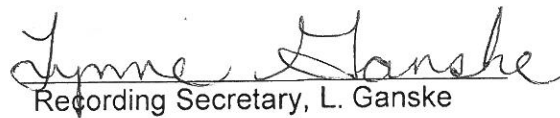
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CARRIED.

The next meeting of the Homelessness Task Force is scheduled for Thursday, July 31, 2014 in Room 530 at 3:00pm. Please note that this is a closed meeting.

Certified Correct:

  
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Co-Chair, Councillor Smith

  
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Recording Secretary, L. Ganske