Minutes of the Abbotsford Reaching Home Community Advisory Board meeting held June 1, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., virtually through Abbotsford City Hall

<u>Committee Members Present</u>: Co-Chair – R. Siemens; Co-Chair – R. Santiago; C. Gauthier; E. Grift; T. Ivancic; R Jeffery; A. Kaushal; L. Levy; B. Maple; B. Moriarty; K. Murray; J. Silver; F. Tick; E. Van Egmond; J. Wegenast; P. Wells

<u>City Staff Present:</u> General Manger, Innovation, Strategy and Intergovernmental Relations – K. Treloar; Housing, Homelessness and Community Development Specialist – M. Sikora

Others Present: L. Nissanov – Vancity; A. Koslowsky – Vancity; M. Wong – Service Canada; C. Bomhoff – ARJAA:

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m.

### 2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

# 2.1 Minutes of the Abbotsford Community Advisory Board Committee meeting of March 16, 2022

Moved by E. Grift, seconded by J. Wegenast that the minutes of the Community Advisory Board meeting held March 16, 2022 be adopted.

**CARRIED** 

### 3. BUSINESS OUT OF MINUTES

No items.

### 4. DELEGATIONS

No items.

### 5. PRESENTATIONS

No items.

### 6. REPORTS

# 6.1 <u>Verbal report by Housing, Homelessness and Community Specialist, M. Sikora, regarding the CAB's direction on purchasing of vehicles under Capital Funding activities.</u>

The Housing, Homelessness and Community Development Specialist provided a presentation and overview regarding the direction on purchase of vehicles under Capital Funding activities.

- A comment was made on whether slippage funds could be used in a more meaningful way.
- In other communities, it has been noted that the use of vans has been diminished by the requirements and upkeep.

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- The Committees objective needs to remain focused on predevelopment and maintaining health and safety of existing housing.
- There is a desire at the City to build on the community issues that are beyond what this Committee discusses and it is necessary to help people make connections.

The amended motion was moved by E. Van Egmond, seconded by P. Wells that the Community Advisory Board does not fund the purchase of vehicles with Reaching Home grant funds; and recommend this be presented to Abbotsford City Council for final approval.

#### CARRIED

6.2 <u>Verbal report by the Program Manager, Reaching Home Vancity Community Foundation regarding 2022-24 review process and Reaching Home funding allocations.</u>

The Program Manager, L. Nissanov, Reaching Home Vancity Community Foundation provided a presentation and overview regarding the Reaching Home Capital.

 Due to a conflict of interest, Leonard Levy was excused from the meeting during the discussion.

Moved by R. Jeffery, seconded by E. Grift that the Community Advisory Board approve the presented 1 Capital project, totaling \$64,000 to Abbotsford City Council move the remaining Capital funds to services to support the large volume of asks; and recommend this be presented to Abbotsford City Council for final approval.

### **CARRIED**

6.3 <u>Verbal report by the Program Manager, Reaching Home Vancity Community Foundation</u> regarding Reaching Home Service Allocation Review and Stages.

The Program Manager, L. Nissanov, Reaching Home Vancity Community Foundation provided a presentation and overview regarding the Reaching Home Outcomes.

 Due to a conflict of interest, Leonard Levy, Bonnie Moriarty, Brittany Maple and Mike Sikora were excused from the meeting during the discussion.

Moved by E. Van Egmond, seconded by C. Gauthier that the Community Advisory Board review committee sub projects stage 2 for 2022-24 Abbotsford Reaching Home proposals; and recommend this be presented to Abbotsford City Council for final approval.

**CARRIED** 

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# 7. NEW BUSINESS

No items.

# 8. MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

- Mike Sikora provided an update on the Community Advisory Board's plans.
  - The City's Homeless Action Plan is being approved which will allow the Advisory Board to move forward with a number of projects and to be better community partners.
  - A new position has been created for a Community Coordination and Collaboration Specialist who will be reaching out to service providers and continue to build momentum.

The committee members were reminded that the next meeting date for the CAB is June 21, 2022.

# 9. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Moved by J. Wegenast, that the Community Advisory Board meeting held June 21, 2022, be adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

**CARRIED**