



MAYOR'S HOUSING COMMISSION

**Thursday, March 20, 2014
4:00 PM**

**Darlene Hincks Committee Room
Main Floor, City Hall**



Office of the City Clerk

**Public Agenda
Mayor's Housing Commission
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Approval of Public Agenda

Minutes of the meeting held on February 10, 2014.

Administration Report

MHC14-6 Presentation on Vancouver and Edmonton Housing Policy and Case
Examples

Recommendation

This report be received and filed.

Adjournment

AT REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014

AT A MEETING OF THE MAYOR'S HOUSING COMMISSION
HELD IN PUBLIC SESSION

AT 3:00 PM

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Present: Mayor Michael Fougere, in the Chair
Councillor Bryon Burnett
Councillor Bob Hawkins
Robert Byers
Terry Canning
Blair Forster
Tim Gross
Malcolm Neill

Regrets: Councillor Barbara Young

Also in Attendance: Committee Assistant, Elaine Gohlke
Solicitor, Cheryl Willoughby
Executive Director of Planning, Jason Carlston
Director of Planning, Diana Hawryluk
Manager of Government Relations, Sheila Harmatiuk
Senior City Planner, Jennifer Barrett

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC AGENDA

Councillor Hawkins moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the agenda for this meeting be approved, as submitted.

COMMUNICATION AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT

MHC14-3 Criteria and Evaluation for Laneway Suites Pilot Project

Recommendation

This communication be received and filed.

The following addressed the Commission:

- Ken Watson, representing North Central Community Association and Slingshot Residential; and
- Denis Jones, representing Devereaux Developments.

Councillor Hawkins moved that this communication be received and filed.

Councillor Hawkins withdrew his motion of receive and file.

Councillor Hawkins moved that:

The matter of pilot projects for laneway suite and carriage housing design be referred to Administration for development of a detailed plan for comprehensive pilot project criteria which will:

- 1. Be transparent and fair.**
- 2. Open to all who can meet standards to participate.**
- 3. Have defined criteria in sufficient detail so that they can be meaningfully applied.**
- 4. Be appropriately publicized.**
- 5. Set out conditions under which the pilot is to be conducted and evaluated.**
- 6. Undertaken in a timely manner.**
- 7. Contain any other terms that planners feel will contribute to a successful experiment.**

The motion was put and declared LOST.

Councillor Burnett moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that this communication be received and filed.

MHC14-4 City Council: Application for Zoning Bylaw Amendment (13-Z-18)
 Laneway Suites Pilot Project in Harbour Landing McCaughey Street and
 James Hill Road

Recommendation

That the Mayor's Housing Commission provide input into pilot project criteria development.

Blair Forster moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the criteria used in evaluation, as set out in Communication MHC14-3, serve as baseline criteria for future pilot project criteria, and that the Administration be given flexibility on future pilot project evaluation on a case-by-case basis.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

MHC14-5 Consideration of Meeting Dates and Times for 2014

Recommendation

1. That 2014 meetings of the Mayor's Housing Commission be held on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. (unless otherwise indicated) on the following dates:

March 20	August 5 (Tuesday 2:00 p.m.)
April 24	September 4
May 15	October 16
June 12	November 20
July 8 (Tuesday 2:00 p.m.)	December 18

2. That the first meeting of the Mayor's Housing Commission in 2015 be held on Thursday, January 8, at 4:00 p.m.

Councillor Burnett moved, AND IT WAS RESOVED, that the recommendation be concurred in.

ADJOURNMENT

Blair Forster moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary

March 20, 2014

To: Members,
Mayor's Housing Commission

Re: Presentation on Vancouver and Edmonton Housing Policy and Case Examples

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received and filed.

CONCLUSION

Information on housing development and policy in the cities of Vancouver and Edmonton will be provided to the Mayor's Housing Commission in two presentations. The presentations will address diverse approaches to the housing issues and provide case examples.

BACKGROUND

During the December and January private sessions of the Mayor's Housing Commission, members of the Mayor's Housing Commission expressed an interest in hearing about housing policies and housing examples from other cities. In response, Administration has prepared two presentations which will be provided during the public session of the March 20, 2014:

- A review of housing policy examples and best practices in affordable rental and homeownership projects in Vancouver; and
- An overview of Administration's trip to Edmonton to view new neighbourhood developments.

DISCUSSION

These presentations are for information purposes for the Mayor's Housing Commission. The Terms of Reference for the Mayor's Housing Commission authorizes the Commission to:

- Seek, gather, research and recommend innovative ideas, such as pocket housing, container units, etc. for Administrative and Council review; and
- Identify and recommend practical solutions for affordable and attainable housing in Regina.

The presentation on Vancouver will include an overview of the following projects:

- A mixed-income housing and mixed-use project in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside;
- Two homeownership projects in Burnaby, BC as part of the development of Simon Fraser's University neighbourhood;
- Restoration of more than 800 units of housing in the city's historic single-room occupancy hotels (SROs);
- A shipping container project developed by the non-profit Atira to house young women needing affordable shelter; and
- A policy adopted in the City of Victoria to allow for the division of large historic homes into multi-unit condominium units.

The presentation on Edmonton will include case examples of:

- Designing new neighbourhoods (Complete Street Guidelines)
- Case study of two new neighbourhoods (Griesbach and Rapperswill)
- Revitalization projects (downtown)

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

None with respect to this report.

Environmental Implications

None with respect to this report.

Policy and/or Strategic Implications

None with respect to this report.

Other Implications

None with respect to this report.

Accessibility Implications

None with respect to this report.

COMMUNICATIONS

None with respect to this report.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The Mayor's Housing Commission has the authority to seek, gather and research information that will assist in providing overall guidance in the implementation of the Comprehensive Housing Strategy.

Respectfully submitted,



Diana Hawryluk, Director
Planning

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Carlston, Executive Director
Community Planning and Development

Report prepared by:
J. Barrett, Senior City Planner