

Community Wellness Committee

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 9:00 AM

Henry Baker Hall, Main Floor, City Hall



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Revised Public Agenda Community Wellness Committee Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Approval of Public Agenda

Minutes Approval

Minutes from the meeting held on February 10, 2021

City Clerk's Report

CWC21-2 Current Programming and Services

Recommendation

That the Community Wellness Committee receive and file this report.

Communication and Administration Reports

CWC21-5 Cameron Choquette: Housing Incentives Policy - Minor Updates

Recommendation

That the Community Wellness Committee receive and file this communication.

CWC21-3 Housing Incentives Policy - Minor Updates

Recommendation

The Community Wellness Committee recommends that City Council:

- 1. Approve minor revisions to the City of Regina *Housing Incentives Policy,* as proposed in Appendix A.
- 2. Approve these recommendations at its meeting on March 31, 2021.
- CWC21-4 Plan to End Homelessness Permanent Supportive Housing Operating Grant

Recommendation

The Community Wellness Committee recommends that City Council:

1. Approve the creation of a Permanent Supportive Housing Operating



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Grant program aligned with the Plan to End Homelessness to fund the ongoing operation of permanent supportive housing in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 annually beginning in 2022.

- Delegate authority to the Executive Director, City Planning & Community Development to select a qualified Community-Based Organization to operate Permanent Supportive Housing spaces for a term of five years using the process outlined in this report and the criteria established in Appendix A.
- 3. Delegate authority to the Executive Director, City Planning & Community Development to negotiate, approve and amend any funding agreements needed between the City of Regina and the selected Community-Based Organization.
- 4. Authorize the City Clerk to execute the necessary agreements after review and approval by the City Solicitor.
- 5. Authorize the funding for the Permanent Supportive Housing Operating Grant to be provided from the City's Social Development Reserve.
- 6. Amend the Housing Incentives Policy in Section 8.0 to decrease the maximum amount of funding available annually for capital incentives from \$2,500,000 to \$1,800,000 effective January 1, 2022.
- 7. Instruct the City Solicitor to amend Schedule A, Section 13.1 and 14 of *The Regina Administration Bylaw,* No. 2003-69 to include payments through the Permanent Supportive Housing Operating Grant.
- 8. Delegate authority to the Mayor to write to the provincial government to request that it:
 - a. Fully realize its commitments to helping end homelessness under the Plan to End Homelessness for Regina, including undertaking a review of policy and programs that serve people experiencing chronic homelessness to ensure an evidence-based approach and attention to the unique aspects of Indigenous homelessness.
 - b. Contribute \$1.26 million annually in operational funding for new permanent supportive housing spaces as recommended in the Plan to End Homelessness.
 - c. Work with service providers to supply capital funding and



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assets to support permanent supportive housing spaces, utilizing new and existing units.

- d. Support solutions to end homelessness through integrating Housing First programming within policy frameworks, modernizing relevant policies and legislation, and facilitating partnerships to ensure the future success of the project.
- 9. Remove item MHC20-1 from the list of outstanding items for the Mayor's Housing Commission.

10. Approve these recommendations at its meeting on March 31, 2021.

Resolution for Private Session