

AT REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021

AT A MEETING OF COMMUNITY WELLNESS COMMITTEE
HELD IN PUBLIC SESSION

AT 9:00 AM

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Present: Councillor Andrew Stevens, in the Chair
Councillor, Lori Bresciani (Videoconference, non-voting member)
Councillor John Findura (Videoconference)
Councillor Dan LeBlanc
Councillor, Landon Mohl (Videoconference, non-voting member)
Councillor Terina Shaw (Videoconference)
Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk

Also in Attendance: Council Officer, Tracy Brezinski
City Clerk, Jim Nicol
City Solicitor, Byron Werry (Videoconference)
Executive Director, Citizen Services, Kim Onrait
Executive Director, City Planning & Community Development, Diana Hawryluk
Director, Fire & Protective Services, Layne Jackson
Director, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, Laurie Shalley
Manager, Social & Cultural Development, Emmaline Hill
Senior City Planner, Social & Cultural Development, Charlie Toman
Policy Analyst, Social & Cultural Development, Kelly Husack (Videoconference)

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC AGENDA

Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the agenda for this meeting be approved, after adding a communication from Cameron Choquette, respecting CWC21-3 Housing Incentives Policy – Minor Updates as item CWC21-5, as submitted.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councillor Dan LeBlanc moved that the minutes for the meeting held on February 10, 2021 be adopted, as circulated.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

CWC21-2 Current Programming and Services

Recommendation

That the Community Wellness Committee receive and file this report.

Laurie Shalley, Director, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services and Layne Jackson, Director, Fire & Protective Services, made a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Councillor Dan LeBlanc moved that this report be received and filed.

The Clerk called the vote on the motion.

	In Favour	Against
Councillor LeBlanc	✓	
Councillor Shaw	✓	
Councillor Stadnichuk	✓	
Councillor Findura	✓	
Councillor Stevens	✓	
	5	0

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the Committee recess for 15 minutes.

The Committee recessed at 10:27 a.m.

The Committee reconvened at 10:42 a.m.

COMMUNICATION AND ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

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

Recommendation

That the Community Wellness Committee receive and file this communication.

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

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.

Charlie Toman, Senior City Planner, Social & Cultural Development, made a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Councillor Dan LeBlanc moved that the recommendation contained in the report be concurred in.

The Clerk called the vote on the motion.

	In Favour	Against
Councillor LeBlanc	✓	
Councillor Shaw	✓	
Councillor Stadnichuk	✓	
Councillor Findura	✓	
Councillor Stevens	✓	
	5	0

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

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 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.
2. 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 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.

Kelly Husack, Policy Analyst, Social & Cultural Development, made a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Councillor Dan LeBlanc moved that the recommendation contained in the report be concurred in.

Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk moved, in amendment, that:

1. **The dollar amount of \$700,000 noted in item #1 be increased to a maximum of \$1 million to fund the ongoing operation of permanent supportive housing annually beginning in 2022; and**
2. **Item #6 be written to read as follows: "Amend the Housing Incentive Policy in Section 6.0 to decrease the maximum amount of funding available annually for capital incentives from \$2,500,000 less what is utilized from the allocated funding of \$1 million, as outlined in item #1, effective January 1, 2022."**

The Clerk called the vote on Councillor Stadnichuk's amendment.

	In Favour	Against
Councillor Stadnichuk	✓	
Councillor Shaw	✓	
Councillor LeBlanc	✓	
Councillor Findura	✓	
Councillor Stevens	✓	
	5	0

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

The Clerk called the vote on the main motion.

	In Favour	Against
Councillor LeBlanc	✓	
Councillor Shaw	✓	
Councillor Stadnichuk	✓	
Councillor Findura	✓	
Councillor Stevens	✓	
	5	0

The main motion, as amended, was put and declared CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Dan LeBlanc moved that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Chairperson

Secretary