

City Staff Report

Original signed by: City Manager Johnson

Report Date: November 16, 2023

Meeting Date: November 19, 2023

To: City Manager

From: Director of Development Services

Subject: Housing Solutions Table – Select Committee

Purpose

Obtain Council's approval to set up a Housing Solutions Table as a Select Committee.

Summary

Housing has been a key strategic initiative for Council for several years. Although there has been success in stimulating some housing developments more work is needed to increase the supply of housing in the community.

Currently Councillors Roodenberg and Elliott are the City's designated Housing Initiatives representatives. The establishment of a select committee to review needs assessments, housing policies, initiatives and strategies will assist the City in accelerating those tasks and formulating future housing strategic goals.

Topics for the Committee's input will include:

- Vulnerable population and services review consideration and policy option recommendations.
- Identification of policy and lands to support supportive housing.
- Discuss workforce housing needs – to identify strategies to support.
- Input on Housing Needs Assessment development, development, and implementation of resulting policies.
- Review of new housing legislation/regulations and inform revisions to municipal land use policy.
- Identification of lands for future housing needs.

Recommended Committee Membership

BC Housing; Northern Health; Housing/Shelter Providers; Real Estate; Business Improvement Areas; Workforce Housing Representatives including industry, School District, and Northern Health.

Recommendation

THAT Council approves the formation of a new Housing Solutions Table as a "Select Committee" and appoints Councillor Elliott as the Chair and Councillor Roodenburg as Alternate Chair, and amends IWC-17 Council Committees and Appointments Policy accordingly;

And THAT the Chair returns to Council with a draft Terms of Reference and recommendations for appointments to the committee.

Council Policy

IWC-17 Committees and Appointments

Strategic Objective

Housing Initiatives



Financial Implications

N/A

Background

Select Committees

1. Select Committees are a derivative of Council therefore Council has the final decision-making authority regarding any Select Committee recommendations presented to Council.
2. These are committees of Council that are chaired by a Council member and comprised of community members appointed by Council.
3. Council appointments to these Committees are made by the Mayor in consultation with Council members, are reviewed annually, and are approved by Council resolution.
4. These Committees must align with Council's current strategic plan and strategic initiatives.
5. Terms of Reference and budgets will be reviewed annually by each Committee and approved by Council.
6. While these Committees may use consensus decision-making as a general practice, any recommendations made to Council must be by way of a voted motion.

Select Committee Chairs

Select Committee Chairs are the lead member of Council for their appointed Select Committee. Select Committee Chairs will work with the Mayor and City staff to develop a Terms of Reference and work plan for their Select Committee, prepare Agendas for and convene the Committee, and provide a verbal summary report to Council at the first regular Council meeting after the Committee meets.

Attachments

none

Options

List some options for Council to consider, if appropriate.