

Meeting Minutes

Hospitals and Housing Committee

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

1:30 PM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

PRESENT

Directors: L. Helps (Chair), K. Murdoch (Vice Chair), D. Blackwell, F. Haynes, G. Holman, R. Martin (EP), C. McNeil-Smith, D. Screech, L. Seaton, K. Williams (EP)

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; R. Lachance, Acting Chief Financial Officer (for N. Chan); K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; M. Barnes, Senior Manager, Health and Capital Planning Strategies; D. Elliott, Manager, First Nations Relations; J. Reilly, Manager, Housing Planning and Programs; M. Lagoa, Acting Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

Regrets: Directors S. Brice, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex-officio)

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Helps provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Murdoch,
That the agenda for the November 4, 2020 Hospitals and Housing Committee
meeting be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [20-696](#) Minutes of the October 7, 2020 Hospitals and Housing Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Murdoch,
That the minutes of the Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting of October 7,
2020 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Helps thanked staff for working quickly to put the Rapid Housing Initiative on this agenda.

Don Elliot was introduced as the new Senior Manager, Regional Housing, effective November 30, 2020.

5. Presentations/Delegations

- 5.1. [20-714](#) Delegation - Paul Mohapel; Resident of Victoria: Re: agenda Item 6.6.: Government of Canada Rapid Housing Initiative
Paul Mohapel spoke in favour of Item 6.6.
- 5.2. [20-715](#) Delegation - Aaron Childs; Resident of Victoria: Re: Agenda Item 6.6.: Government of Canada Rapid Housing Initiative
Aaron Childs spoke in favour of Item 6.6.
- 5.3. [20-716](#) Delegation - Allan Gallupe; Representing the Friends of Central Park: Re: Agenda Item 6.6.: Government of Canada Rapid Housing Initiative
Allan Gallupe spoke in favour of Item 6.6.
- 5.4. [20-717](#) Delegation - Heather Rock; Resident of Victoria: Agenda Item 6.6.: Government of Canada Rapid Housing Initiative
Heather Rock spoke in favour of Item 6.6.
- 5.5. [20-718](#) Delegation - Laura Lee; Resident of Victoria: Agenda Item 6.6.: Government of Canada Rapid Housing Initiative
Laura Lee spoke in favour of Item 6.6.
- 5.6. [20-722](#) Delegation - Lesley Valour; Resident of Victoria: Re: agenda Item 6.6.: Government of Canada Rapid Housing Initiative
Lesley Valour spoke in favour of Item 6.6.
- MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, SECONDED by Director Haynes,
That the agenda be amended to move Item 6.6. ahead of Item 6.1.
CARRIED**

6. Committee Business

6.6. [20-701](#) Government of Canada Rapid Housing Initiative

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.6.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- tight timelines prompting elimination of properties without the appropriate zoning
- clarity on the criteria required for these funds

**MOVED by Director Murdoch, SECONDED by Director Screech,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board:**

That CRD staff be authorized to negotiate and execute agreements with the Government of Canada for the Rapid Housing Initiative and do all things incidental to finalize such agreements.

CARRIED

6.1. [20-688](#) Capital Region Housing Corporation Operational Update - Third Quarter

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- clarification of seasonal and annual exterior work
- evictions due to rent arrears
- challenges to the hiring process at this time
- timelines for the Westpark, Spencer and Michigan Square properties
- staff reporting in the budget report, on the impacts due to potential rent freezes

**MOVED by Director Haynes, SECONDED by Director Seaton,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Region Housing Corporation Board:**

That the Capital Region Housing Corporation Operational Update - Third Quarter report be received for information.

CARRIED

6.2. [20-691](#) Reaching Home Additional COVID Funding

**MOVED by Director Screech, SECONDED by Director Murdoch,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:**

That the COVID-19 Additional Reaching Home Funding report be received for information.

CARRIED

6.3. [20-690](#) Regional Housing First Program: Project Update, Third Quarter 2020

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.3.

**MOVED by Director Murdoch, SECONDED by Director Haynes,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:**

That the Regional Housing First Program: Project Update, Third Quarter 2020 report be received for information.

CARRIED

6.4. [20-689](#) Spencer Close Redevelopment Mortgage Registration: 2763 Spencer Road

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.4.

Discussion ensued on using funds recouped from lower interest rates to lower rents.

MOVED by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Director McNeil-Smith,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Region
Housing Corporation Board:

- a) That the resolutions required by BC Housing Management Commission to authorize the execution of the Section 219 Covenant and the Loan and Mortgage documents for 2763 Spencer Road be approved; and
- b) That Staff be authorized to execute any agreements with Capital Regional District and BC Housing Management Commission and to take steps necessary to conclude the purchase of 2763 Spencer Road, Langford, BC.

CARRIED

6.5. [20-692](#) Spencer Close Mortgage - Tri-Partite Agreement and Landlord Estoppel Certificate: 2763 Spencer Road

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.5.

MOVED by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Director Murdoch,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional
District Board:

- a) That the resolutions required by BC Housing Management Commission to authorize the execution of the Tri-Partite Agreement and Landlord Estoppel Certificate for 2763 Spencer Road be approved; and
- b) That the Staff be authorized to execute any agreements with Capital Region Housing Corporation and BC Housing Management Commission and to take steps necessary to conclude the purchase of 2763 Spencer Road, Langford, BC.

CARRIED

7. Notice(s) of Motion

8. New Business

9. Motion to Close the Meeting

9.1. [20-712](#)

Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Murdoch,
That the meeting be closed for Land Acquisition in accordance with Section 90(1)
(e) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Murdoch,
That such disclosures could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the
Regional District.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Murdoch,
That the meeting be closed for Intergovernmental Negotiations in accordance
with Section 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

The meeting went into closed session at 2:29 pm and rose without report at 2:51
pm.

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Williams, **SECONDED** by Director Murdoch,
That the November 04, 2020 Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting be
adjourned at 2:51 pm.

CARRIED

Chair

Recorder