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## Minutes of a Meeting of the Regional Housing Advisory Committee

February 11, 2021 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Microsoft Teams

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**PRESENT:** Kerriann Coady, David Corey, Bill Brown, Kelly Roth, Kathy Whitcher, Danella Parks, Kaye Melliship; Holly McKeil, Nadine Kawata, Kirsten Baillie

**GUESTS:**

**STAFF:** Don Elliott, John Reilly, Jerry Michael (recorder)

**REGRETS:** Sharon Hvozdzanski, Jim Hartshorne, Danielle Deni, Malcolm McNaughton, Lindsay Millburn, Bruce Anderson, Leah Stohmann, Michel Turcotte, Jarret Matanowitsch, , Matthew Baldwin

Meeting called to order at 2:03pm.

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 2:02pm. Co-Chair Kerrian Coady welcomed all RHAC members. CRD staff offered a territorial acknowledgment of the Indigenous communities in the Capital Region.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED** by Kathy Whitcher, **SECONDED** by Kaye Melliship

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### 3. Approval of December 10, 2020 Minutes

**MOVED** by David Corey, **SECONDED** by

That the minutes from the December 10, 2020 Regional Housing Advisory Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### 4. Housing Needs Reports

All 11 reports have been received by municipal councils. All commitments of grant with UBCM have been met and there will be a staff report advanced to the March 3, 2021 Hospital and Housing Committee meeting. All reports are publicly accessible on municipal websites.

### 5. Roundtable

- Development applications and approvals remain high across all member municipalities. Some committee members noted a transition from single family houses to multifamily developments across the region.
- Committee members provided updates on some of the continual impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on housing. Effects include scarcity in some building materials increasing development costs and a fast paced residential market driven by high demand and low supply.

- Committee members continue to see challenges in the supply chain for building materials. This along with rising acquisition costs is increasing the price of construction.
- Developers noted that municipalities moving to online application and approval processes have been helpful. Some committee members would like to see a hybrid approach post pandemic.

#### **6. Discussion of Potential Future Priorities into 2021**

Committee members recommended to have the list of possible focus topics prepared by CRD staff reviewed by the new committee at their first meeting in May of 2021.

#### **7. Future Composition of Committee**

Committee members were thanked for participation in this committee. A report is being advanced to the March 3, 2021 Hospital and Housing Committee to approve a new set of committee members.

#### **8. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by David Corey **SECONDED** by Kaye Melliship.

That the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 pm.