

The **Minutes** of the **Mission Sustainable Housing Committee** meeting held in Welton Conference Room 1 at 7337 Welton Street, Mission, BC on **Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 3:00 pm.**

Members Present: Dawn Hein, Mission Association for Community Living, Chair
Carol Hamilton, Council Representative
Danny Plecas, Alternate Council Representative
Annie Charker, Citizen Representative (Zoom)
Camilla Boisvert, Fraser Health Authority
Gerald Heinrichs, entered at 3:09 pm
Judith Ray, Citizen Representative
Lisa Nissanov, Mission Community Services Society
Sasha Iverson, Mission Association for Seniors Housing

Members Absent: Indigenous Housing Provider
Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
SARA for Women

Others Present: Amy Van Vergen, Resident
Shawn Boulter, Mission Community Services Society
Mike Dickinson, Manager of Long Range Planning and Special Projects
Dan Sommer, Director of Development Services
Jason Payne, Manager of Community Wellness
Dena Kae Beno, Housing Coordinator
Sandra Horvath, Administrative Assistant

Shawn Boulter arrived ZOOM at 3:20

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded,

That the agenda of the Mission Sustainable Housing Committee meeting of February 13, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Moved and seconded,

That the minutes of the Mission Sustainable Housing Committee meeting of June 13, 2024 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. NEW BUSINESS

a) MSHC Review

i. Discussion: Future of the Sustainable Housing Committee

The Committee discussed various challenges and concerns that the Committee is facing. Key points included:

- The Committee experienced a low attendance rate by its members in 2024, achieving quorum in just 40% of the meetings, but this was considered an outlier and isn't anticipated to persist into 2025. The absences were primarily caused by staff reassignments within various organizations.
- This Committee should continue to function independently from other committees of Council. Each committee has its own mandate, and there was a concern that merging with others could obscure the MSHC's objectives that emphasize housing affordability.
- It would be advantageous to have a member(s) from various Council committees, especially builders from the DLC, attend the MSHC's meetings as a guest occasionally. Similarly, having one or two representatives from this Committee attend meetings of other committees for information exchange would be beneficial. As an alternative, having a representative that sits on both Committees could be helpful.
- Currently, the Committee doesn't have any KPI's (key performance indicators) which could be a benefit. Other Committees of Council have these indicators.
- Regarding membership, different additions were discussed: a BC non-profit organization, BC Housing, co-op housing, social housing, another builder representative, and another community member.

- The Terms of Reference may need a review to ensure that the deliverables and responsibilities of the Committee are current.
- Possibly have a workshop with Council.
- Members should review the Affordable Housing Strategy as a refresher.
- Builders need a way to lower their risk in order to create more affordable housing. This Committee could look at finding ways to achieve this, through different programs with the City.

Moved and seconded,

That staff prepare a report to Council, recommending an amendment to the MSHC's Terms of Reference by:

1. Expanding the membership to include an increase in citizen representatives from two to three, and the addition of one representative from Community Living BC (CLBC); and
2. Under the Responsibilities/Deliverables section, delete:
 - a. Utilize the good work done as part of the 2021 Affordable Housing Strategy workshop as a foundation and launching point.

CARRIED

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 3:00 pm.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.