

Committee Members Present: Co-Chair – R. Siemens; Co-Chair – R. Santiago; I. Aujla; C. Gauthier; R Jeffery; A. Kaushal; S. Kupp; B. Maple; B. Moriarty; C. Silver; J. Silver; E. Van Egmond; J. Wegenast

City Staff Present: General Manger, Innovation, Strategy and Intergovernmental Relations – K. Treloar; Housing, Homelessness and Community Development Specialist – M. Sikora; Administrative Assistant – S. Salh

Others Present: L. Nissanov – Vancity; A. Koslowsky – Vancity; K. Sall – Service Canada; C. Bomhoff – ARJAA; A. Chiasson - ARJAA

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the Abbotsford Community Advisory Board Committee meeting of December 15, 2022

Moved by B. Maple, seconded by S. Kupps that the minutes of the Community Advisory Board meeting held December 15, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS OUT OF MINUTES

No items.

4. DELEGATIONS

No items.

5. PRESENTATIONS

No items.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Verbal report by the Program Manager, Reaching Home Vancity Community Foundation regarding 2021/22 fund slippage.

The Program Manager, L. Nissanov, Reaching Home Vancity Community Foundation provided a presentation and overview regarding the 2021/22 fund slippage.

Moved by E. Van Egmond, seconded by S. Kupp that the verbal report regarding “2022/23 funding slippage” by the Program Manager, Reaching Home Vancity Community Foundation be received for information; and that the Community Advisory Board

support the proposed projects for 2021/22 Slippage Fund Allocation, and recommend they be presented to Abbotsford City Council for final approval.

CARRIED

6.2 Verbal report by Housing, Homelessness and Community Specialist, M. Sikora, regarding the 2022/23 funding allocation areas.

The Housing, Homelessness and Community Development Specialist provided a presentation and overview regarding the 2022/2023 funding allocation areas.

Moved by E. Van Egmond, seconded by J. Silver that the verbal report regarding 2022/23 funding allocation areas by the Housing, Homelessness and Community Development Specialist be received for information; and the Community Advisory Board support the combining coordination of resources and data collection with coordinated access set-up funds for a fuller CFP; increase housing service to 23%, and reduce support services to 14%, release the CFP to include both 2022/23, and 2023/24; and recommend this be presented to Abbotsford City Council for final approval. This motion passed with 2 opposed and 0 abstained.

CARRIED

6.3 Verbal report by Housing, Homelessness and Community Specialist, M. Sikora, regarding the 2022/23 CFP process.

The Housing, Homelessness and Community Development Specialist provided a presentation and overview regarding the 2022/2023 Call for Proposals process.

Moved by R. Jeffery, seconded by B. Moriarty that the verbal report regarding 2022/23 call for proposals by the Housing, Homelessness and Community Development Specialist be received for information; CFP process as described, and recommend it be presented to Abbotsford City Council for final approval.

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

No items.

8. MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

- The Reaching Home Vancity Community Foundation Program Manager informed the committee that VanCity has funds and programming for affordable housing initiative. Committee members were asked to reach out directly for more information.
- Bonnie Moriarty from the Elizabeth Fry Society informed the committee of a new project called 'Now' for the Surrey/Abbotsford area. The project coordinators will work with women in the sex economy on the 3-year project to gather information regarding what

barriers they face, what they require and what is the most effective way to work with women that are trafficked.

- Co-chair, Rod Santiago informed the committee that Archway Community Services is working on a flood resilience center located in the Sumas flats for people that have been negatively impacted by the floods to assist with recovery.
- The committee discussed the Lonzo park and ride encampment and how dangerous, unstable and unsafe the area has become.
 - Abbotsford Police have been very great in monitoring and handling various situations.
 - The committee was informed that things are in motion, are ongoing and certain steps have to take place with the hope that it all happens by the end of the week.
 - The Provincial Government will not break up the homelessness camp unless there is housing in place for the people that are moved.

The committee members were reminded that the next meeting date for the CAB is June 1, 2022.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by C. Silver, that the Community Advisory Board meeting held March 16, 2022, be adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

CARRIED