

Committee Members Present: Co-Chair – R. Siemens; Co-Chair – R. Santiago; C. Gauthier; E. Grift; R. Jeffery; J. Wegenast; A. Kaushal; S. Kupp, S Lamothe; K. McArthur; A Scott; J. Silver; F. Tick; E. Van Egmond; P. Wells; S. Bhatti; V LeFranc

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. 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 September 22, 2021

Moved by J. Wegenast seconded by P. Wells that the minutes of the Community Advisory Board meeting held September 22, 2021, 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 Housing, Homelessness and Community Development Specialist, M. Sikora, regarding the 2021/22 fund slippage.

The Housing, Homelessness and Community Development Specialist provided a presentation and overview regarding the 2021/22 fund slippage.

Moved by S. Kupp, seconded by E. Grift that the verbal report regarding “2022/23 Funding Slippage” by the Housing, Homelessness and Community Development Specialist be

received for information ; and that the Community Advisory Board support the proposed recommendation to increase the current capital funding contract with Sumas First Nations up to \$100,000 for an additional house build; and, provide up to \$100,000 funding from the “Coordination or Resources and Data Collection” eligible activity to the City of Abbotsford for the development of the 2022 Homelessness Action Plan; 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 Call for Proposals 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 C. Gauthier that the verbal report regarding “2022/23 Call for Proposals” by the Housing, Homelessness and Community Development Specialist be received for information; and the Community Advisory Board support the proposed recommendation for final approval by Council to extend current service contracts as needed through June 2022, while issuing a CFP in January for sub-projects beginning in July 2022 for the remainder of the 2022/23 fiscal year.

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

No items.

8. MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

The committee members discussed affordable housing challenges for people living in Abbotsford resulting in many moving to neighbouring municipalities. The discussion also included challenges by affordable housing providers accessing property tax exemptions, impacting budgets and opportunities to provide partnering ancillary supports to residents; It was indicated that this process is currently being reviewed by City with results of reviews and potential changes for 2023.

Committee members mentioned that they appreciated being on the committee and that the committee was a good way to get to know the community.

The committee co-chair shared the City’s plans to transition the operations of the Emergency Operations Center into a Recovery Operations department to support the community’s effort to rebuild from this flooding disaster.

The committee members acknowledged the government on how they stepped forward and made things happen very quickly in regards to the flood. It was mentioned that everything happened so swiftly due to the City's action plan and response. It was also noted that the job is not over, that there will be a need for ongoing support as the City moves into recovery mode.

The committee members were reminded that the next meeting date for the CAB is March 16, 2022.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by E. Grift, seconded by J. Wegenast that the Community Advisory Board meeting held December 15, 2021, be adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

CARRIED