



AGENDA
HEALTH AND HOUSING TASK FORCE

August 7, 2019, 3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Board Room, Service and Resource Centre,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC

	Pages
1. CALL THE MEETING OF THE HEALTH AND HOUSING TASK FORCE TO ORDER:	
2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:	
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:	
4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:	
a. Minutes	1 - 4
Minutes of the Health and Housing Task Force Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, Nanaimo, BC on Wednesday, 2019-JUL-17, at 3:00 p.m.	
5. PRESENTATIONS:	5 - 11
a. Proposed Meeting Schedule	
To be introduced by Sheila Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services.	
1. Health and Housing Task Force Key Date Calendar	12 - 15
To be introduced by Sheila Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services.	
<i>Purpose: To obtain Health and Housing Task Force approval of their Key Date Calendar.</i>	
Recommendation: That the Health and Housing Task Force recommend that Council approve the Health and Housing Task Force Key Date Calendar as presented.	
b. Proposed Meeting Topics	
To be introduced by Lisa Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community Planning.	

- c. **Lisa McHaffie, Service Canada, re: Kelowna Journey Home - Lessons Learned**

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[Note: Link to City of Kelowna's webpage "Journey Home" is attached.]

- d. **Engagement - Who and How**

To be introduced by Lisa Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community Planning.

- e. **Task Force Communications**

To be introduced by Farnaz Farrokhi, Manager, Communications.

- f. **Next Steps**

To be introduced by Lisa Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community Planning.

6. **DELEGATIONS:**

7. **REPORTS:**

8. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

9. **QUESTION PERIOD:**

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MINUTES
HEALTH AND HOUSING TASK FORCE MEETING
BOARDROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
WEDNESDAY, 2019-JUL-17, AT 3:00 P.M.

Present: Councillor D. Bonner, Chair
Councillor E. Hemmens
K. Bailee (BC Housing alternate)
K. Good
J. Harrison
A. LaHue (joined via teleconference 3:20 p.m.)
S. Madden
J. McCormick (joined via teleconference 3:03 p.m.)
L. McHaffie
L. Murphy
K. Smythe

Absent: J. Fix
M. McNaughton

Staff: J. Rudolph, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Lindsay, General Manager, Community Development
Supt. C. Miller, OIC, Nanaimo Detachment RCMP
L. Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community and Cultural Planning
F. Farrokhi, Manager, Communications
S. Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services
S. Snelgrove, Deputy Corporate Officer
K. Gerard, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE HEALTH AND HOUSING TASK FORCE MEETING TO ORDER:

The Health and Housing Task Force Meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda, be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

3. REPORTS:

(a) Introductions

1. City of Nanaimo Staff introduced themselves and explained their role regarding the Health and Housing Task Force.
2. Task Force Members introduced themselves and stated their place of employment and their goals for the Health and Housing Task Force.

(b) Terms of Reference

Lisa Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community and Cultural Planning reviewed the Terms of Reference with Staff and Health and Housing Task Force members.

(c) Future Meeting Schedule

Sheila Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services, advised the Health and Housing Task Force of procedures, meeting practices a future meeting schedule, operating and procedural guidelines, public access to meetings and materials handed out at meetings, quorum, closed meetings and *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act* regarding emails and correspondence.

Health and Housing Task Force members agreed that meetings would be held every 2 weeks from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Service and Resource Centre Boardroom, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC.

Sheila Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services stated that quorum for the Health and Housing Task Force will be six (6) and any alternates need to be approved by Council.

(d) Current Health and Housing Overview

Introduced by Lisa Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community and Cultural Planning.

Lisa Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community and Cultural Planning, provided the task force members with an update on the current health and housing situation, which included the following information:

- Complex causes of homelessness including poverty, lack of affordable housing, child welfare and childhood trauma
- Widening gap between income and housing costs
- Homeless count doubled between Spring of 2016 and Winter of 2018
- Barriers to housing include rents too high, low income, discrimination, addiction and poor housing conditions
- Health challenges and gaps in current service system
- Tent City and crisis housing timeline and number of shelters beds made available
- Impact of temporary housing sites on residents and business surrounding these areas
- Gaps and transition challenges including emergency housing, non-market housing and market housing
- Municipal, Provincial and Federal funding roles in the housing crisis
- Community of Nanaimo is divided and frustrated

(e) Priorities of the Health and Housing Task Force

Introduced by Lisa Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community and Cultural Planning.

Karen Kronstal, Social Planner, provided the Health and Housing Task Force members with feedback collected from task force members regarding their top priorities and goals for the Task Force. The following eight priorities were identified as most common between the members of the Task Force:

- Confirm existing plans/strategies
- Identify gaps in health and housing services
- Integrated approach
- More supportive housing
- Rising cost of marketing housing
- Public safety
- Communication and engagement
- Increased collaboration

Task Force discussion took place regarding:

- Types of supportive housing and designing programs that set people up for success
- Expectation of the Task Force and how, when and what recommendations can be brought to Council
- The importance of community engagement, communication and support; how to get support from the community on actions the task force wants to recommend to Council
- Creative solutions and the goal of Nanaimo becoming innovative and successful in solving the homeless crisis
- Inviting community stakeholders, employees of housing and service agencies, employment resources and others to speak to the Task Force
- The need to identify gaps in service providers
- Identifying the root cause of homelessness and how to best serve the individual on a case by case basis so they are successful in housing and job placement
- Lack of funding and resources for trauma victims on Snuneymuxw First Nation reserve to tackle issues of housing, pride in home ownership and counselling for trauma victims
- Mental health exclusive of substance abuse

(f) Next Steps

Sheila Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services, advised the Task Force that Staff will bring a Draft Key Date Calendar to the next scheduled Health and Housing Task Force meeting on 2019-AUG-07, for approval.

Health and Housing Task Force discussion took place regarding future agenda topics and included the following information:

- Invite Dena Kay Beno, Housing and Homelessness Coordinator, City of Abbotsford, to speak to the Health and Housing Task Force as a resource on asset mapping and coordinator for homeless programs and best practices
- Discuss short and long term goals and solutions to the homeless crisis
- Discussion regarding child poverty, resources, counselling and solutions to ensure the cycle does not continue
- Asset mapping to show successes and gaps in helping individuals acquire housing and employment
- Identifying agencies/service providers communications staff and working together to communicate success stories to the community
- Protocols for task force communication, the importance of early engagement events in the community
- Acquiring a copy of the City of Kelowna, Journey Home Strategy and other municipalities documents to learn from their experience and other resources
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4. QUESTION PERIOD:

No one in attendance wished to ask questions.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 4:53 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER


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Health and Housing Task Force



Meeting #2
07-AUG-2019


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Agenda


- 1** Proposed Schedule/Topics
- 2** Journey Home – Lessons Learned
- 3** Engagement - Who and How
- 4** Task Force Communications
- 5** Next Steps

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1 Meeting Schedule

Sheila Gurrie, City of Nanaimo




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1 Proposed Topics


*Response to Social Issues & Community Safety	Alternative Approaches to Community Safety
Asset Mapping & Gap Analysis	Housing Demand, Capacity and Priorities
Justice and Corrections	Alternative Approaches to Justice and Corrections
Health and Substance Use - Needs and Capacity	Alternative Approaches to Health and Substance Use
Indigenous Peoples	Acquired Brain Injury
Youth, Seniors and Women	Other ideas.....

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2 Kelowna's Journey Home –
Lessons Learned

Lisa McHaffie, Service Canada




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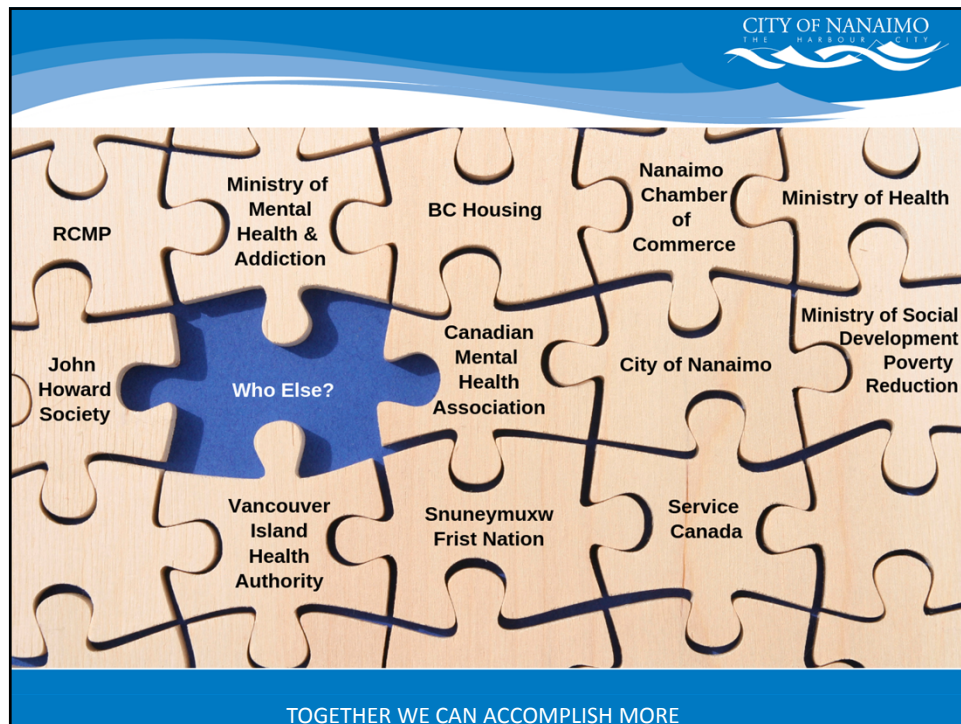


3 Engagement - Who & How?

Lisa Bhopalsingh, City of Nanaimo



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Who else & how do we prioritise?

- Peers, youth, seniors, differently abled, LGBTQ2+, brain injury....others –
- Wider community

How can/should they be included?


- Task Force (currently 12 to keep effective) could change...
- Guest Speakers
- Task Force Working Groups
- Task Force Workshops as part of Asset Mapping....
- Other ideas...Homelessness Coalition, Island Health Community Action Team

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4 Task Force Communication
Protocols

Farnaz Farrokhi, City of Nanaimo



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Social Issues and Community Safety Webpage:



- <https://www.nanaimo.ca/your-government/social-issues-and-community-safety>

Media Inquiries:


- Please direct all media inquiries regarding Task Force related work to MediaRequests@Nanaimo.ca
- Spokespersons:
 - Task Force Chair or Co-Chair




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5 Discussion & Next Steps




- What did we hear today?
- How will we use this information?
- Do you need more info on this?



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Next Meeting Date

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DATE OF MEETING | AUGUST 7, 2019 |

AUTHORED BY | SKY SNELGROVE, STENO COORDINATOR/DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER |

SUBJECT | HEALTH AND HOUSING TASK FORCE KEY DATE CALENDAR |

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

| To obtain Health and Housing Task Force approval of their Key Date Calendar. |

Recommendation

| That the Health and Housing Task Force recommend that Council approve the Health and Housing Task Force Key Date Calendar as presented. |

BACKGROUND

| At the 2019-JUL-17 Health and Housing Task Force Meeting, the Task Force discussed meeting every two weeks on Wednesdays from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street. The calendar is for a one year time frame as the Task Force is anticipated to be in operation for a 12 month period. |

DISCUSSION

| The Task Force is requested to recommend that Council approve the meeting schedule. Approval of the calendar does not prevent the scheduling of special meetings or cancellation of meetings when required. The calendar will be posted publically on the City's website and updated as necessary. |

OPTIONS

- | 1. That the Health and Housing Task Force recommend that Council approve the Health and Housing Task Force Key Date Calendar as presented.
 - The advantages of this option: An approved calendar allows the Health and Housing Task Force, public and Staff to know in advance when meetings will be held and prepare accordingly.
 - The disadvantages of this option: Rather than scheduling a meeting as needed, emerging issues may need to wait to be considered at a scheduled Health and Housing Task Force meeting. It should be noted special meetings may be scheduled as required.

2. That the Health and Housing Task Force deny approval of the Key Date Calendar.
- The advantages of this option: The Task Force may wish to select a different meeting schedule.
 - The disadvantages of this option: The Health and Housing Task Force would not be able to meet to complete Council's directive. The public will not know when to expect meetings to be held. Staff would request further direction regarding scheduling meetings.

SUMMARY POINTS

- At the 2019-JUL-17 meeting, the Health and Housing Task Force discussed a tentative schedule to meet every two weeks.
- The calendar, once approved by Council, will be posted publically on the City's website and meetings may be cancelled or additional meetings scheduled as needed.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Health and Housing Task Force Key Date Calendar. |

Submitted by: |

Sheila Gurrie
Director, Legislative Services |

City of Nanaimo

HEALTH AND HOUSING TASK FORCE KEY DATE CALENDAR – 2019 - 2020

Health and Housing Task Force meetings are held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, unless otherwise stated.

Committee	Start Time	End Time	Day of the Month
Health and Housing Task Force	3:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	Every 2 weeks

August 7 Health and Housing Task Force Meeting
August 21 Health and Housing Task Force Meeting

September 2 Labour Day
September 4 Health and Housing Task Force Meeting
September 18 Health and Housing Task Force Meeting

October 2 Health and Housing Task Force Meeting
October 14 Thanksgiving Day
October 16 Health and Housing Task Force Meeting
October 30 Health and Housing Task Force Meeting

November 11 Remembrance Day
November 13 Health and Housing Task Force Meeting
November 27 Health and Housing Task Force Meeting

December 11 Health and Housing Task Force Meeting
December 25 Christmas Day
December 26 Boxing Day

January 1 New Year's Day
January 8 Health and Housing Task Force Meeting
January 22 Health and Housing Task Force Meeting

February 5 Health and Housing Task Force Meeting
February 17 Family Day
February 19 Health and Housing Task Force Meeting

March 4 Health and Housing Task Force Meeting
March 18 Health and Housing Task Force Meeting

April 1 Health and Housing Task Force Meeting
April 10 Good Friday
April 15 Health and Housing Task Force Meeting
April 29 Health and Housing Task Force Meeting (To be held in Training Room, 2nd Floor City Hall)

May 13 Health and Housing Task Force Meeting
May 18 Victoria Day
May 27 Health and Housing Task Force Meeting (To be held in Training Room, 2nd Floor City Hall)

June 10..... Health and Housing Task Force Meeting
June 24..... Health and Housing Task Force Meeting *(To be held in*
Training Room, 2nd Floor City Hall)

July 1..... Canada Day
July 8..... Health and Housing Task Force Meeting
July 22..... Health and Housing Task Force Meeting

Kelowna's Journey Home Strategy

<https://www.kelowna.ca/our-community/addressing-homelessness/journey-home>