



TERMS OF REFERENCE TASK FORCE ON HEALTH AND HOUSING

PURPOSE:

To address the health and housing crisis in our community. The task force will be required to:

- Work with the Nanaimo Homelessness Coalition (the “Coalition”) to:
 - fulfill the Community Plan requirements of the Federal “Reaching Home” (Designated and Aboriginal) funding; and,
 - determine the optimal governance structure to implement the Nanaimo Action Plan to End Homelessness.
- Oversee the implementation of the Coalition’s Action Plan to End Homelessness and Nanaimo’s Affordable Housing Strategy;
- provide recommendations to Nanaimo City Council on other issues arising from and giving rise to homelessness in our community (poverty, mental health, substance use disorders);
- provide status updates on the progress of the task force to the Coalition;
- determine the connection between the Regional District of Nanaimo affordable housing initiatives and those within the City of Nanaimo;
- advocate for additional resources from all levels of government for housing, health and poverty reduction initiatives;
- participate in the creation of a health, housing and homelessness communications strategy; and
- address other issues as the task force sees fit.

MEMBERSHIP:

To be most effective the task force members should be senior level decision makers for each participating organization.

The voting membership of the task force will be as follows:

- One-two (1-2) members of Council
- Ten (10) members

Chair – member of Council

Alternate Chair – member of Council/other task force member

1 – Snuneymuxw First Nation representative (Council member or designate)

1 – RCMP senior executive representative

- 1 – VIHA senior executive representative
- 1 – BC Housing senior executive representative

- 1 – Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction senior executive staff representative
- 1 – Service Canada senior executive staff representative
- 1 – Designated “Reaching Home” Community Entity representative*
- 2 – Non-Profit Organization representatives**
- 1 – Representative from Business Community***

The initial term of appointment shall be for twelve (12) months with a review at the end of term for possible renewal for a further twelve (12) months.

MEETING FREQUENCY:

The initial task force meeting will be called by the Chair, with the remaining meeting schedule established by the task force.

STAFF SUPPORT:

The following City Departments will provide support to the Task Force as needed:

- Community Development Staff
- City Clerk
- Other Staff as required

OBSERVERS & COMMUNITY SUPPORTS:

Non-voting representatives may be invited to attend the meeting specific to topics of shared interest. All regular meetings are open to the public.

* Community Entity representative to be appointed by Council

** Non-Profit Organization representatives to be appointed by Council

*** Business Community representative to be appointed by Council