

MINUTES
HEALTH AND HOUSING TASK FORCE MEETING
BOARDROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
WEDNESDAY, 2019-AUG-07, AT 3:00 P.M.

Present: Councillor D. Bonner, Chair
Councillor E. Hemmens
J. Harrison
H. Hartman
A. LaHue
S. Madden
J. McCormick
L. McHaffie (joined via telephone)
Supt. C. Miller, OIC, Nanaimo Detachment, RCMP
K. Smythe

Absent: J. Fix
K. Good
M. McNaughton
L. Murphy

Staff: J. Rudolph, Chief Administrative Officer
L. Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community Planning
F. Farrokhi, Manager, Communications (arrived 3:04 p.m.)
D. LaBerge, Manager, Community Safety (arrived 3:25 p.m., vacated
4:22 p.m.)
K. Kronstal, Social Planner
S. Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services
G. Whitters, 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 3:03 p.m.

F. Farrokhi entered the Boardroom at 3:04 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Anita LaHue requested that the document titled "Together BC Poverty Reduction Policy" be distributed during the meeting.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the 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. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

a. Proposed Meeting Schedule

Introduced by Sheila Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services.

1. Health and Housing Task Force Key Date Calendar

Introduced by Sheila Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services.

It was moved and seconded that the Health and Housing Task Force recommend that Council approve the Health and Housing Task Force Key Date Calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Proposed Meeting Topics

Introduced by Lisa Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community Planning.

Lisa Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community Planning, provided a presentation regarding proposed topics that included:

- Response to social Issues and Community Safety
- Asset mapping and Gap Analysis
- Justice and Corrections
- Health and Substance Use: Needs and Capacity
- Indigenous Peoples
- Youth, seniors and women
- Alternative Approaches to Community Safety
- Housing Demand, Capacity and Priorities
- Alternative Approaches to Justice and Corrections
- Alternative Approaches to Health and Substance Use
- Acquired Brain Injury

Supt. C. Miller, OIC, Nanaimo Detachment, RCMP, spoke regarding:

- Alternative approaches to community safety
- Health and drug related changes need federal and provincial government buy-in

Lisa Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community Planning, continued her presentation that included the following information:

- Learning the role of Crown Counsel
- What happens to inmates when they leave prison
- Alternative approaches to justice and corrections
- Groups that are overrepresented in homelessness

D. LaBerge entered the Boardroom at 3:25 p.m.

Task Force discussion took place regarding the following:

- Aligning topics with the priorities of the Health and Housing Task Force
- Potential for subcommittees
- A systems level approach
- Information sessions for members of the Task Force to understand funding, resources and background of proposed topics
- Asset mapping and gap analysis is ongoing, information to be available in September
- Requesting other communities to provide their experience
- Response to social issues and community safety would cover what the City has been doing to address issues, the drop-in resource centre, RCMP update on community safety, and a presentation from bylaw enforcement regarding resourcing
- Input on applications for funding requests
- What are the gaps and how to mobilize services
- Action plan to end homelessness and housing strategies
- Setting priorities based on asset mapping and gap analysis
- Point in Time Count
- Coordinating vision between service providers
- Health assets and resources
- Increasing detox and treatment beds
- Youth and indigenous people
- The Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions “A Pathway to Hope”
- Future meeting topics:
 - August 21 - Presentation from Task Force members regarding service providers current projects, mandates, etc.
 - September 4 - Discussion of action plan to end homelessness and the affordable housing strategy
 - September 18 - Discussion regarding Asset Mapping and Gap Analysis outcomes and guest speaker on Asset Mapping
- Potential topics including youth drug-use prevention, addressing trauma, and speakers from Ministry of Child and Family Development and Kwumut Lelum Child and Family Services
- Discussing future meeting topics at every second meeting

D. LaBerge vacated the Boardroom at 4:22 p.m.

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

Lisa McHaffie, Service Canada, spoke regarding:

- Kelowna’s Journey Home Strategy
- Challenges related to homelessness complicated by vacancy rates
- Developing a coordinated approach with service providers
- Hired consultant Dr. Alina Turner to guide them in developing strategy, gathering data and community and stakeholder engagement
- City staff allocated to work on developing strategy
- A City-led housing needs assessment
- Stakeholders involved

- Ideas gathered through design labs and online surveys and summits held
- Challenges not anticipated
- Developing a backbone organization
- Subcommittees struck
- Location of supportive housing development and negative community feedback
- Importance of starting public engagement early

Task Force discussion took place regarding the following:

- Cost of the process and funding the strategy and implementation
- Community feedback and compassion fatigue
- The communication strategy
- Early public engagement and consultation

d. Engagement - Who and How

Introduced by Lisa Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community Planning.

By unanimous consent the Task Force agreed to defer discussion on this item to the next Health and Housing Task Force Meeting scheduled for August 21, 2019.

e. Task Force Communications

Introduced by Farnaz Farrokhi, Manager, Communications.

Farnaz Farrokhi, Manager, Communications, provided information regarding the Social Issues and Community Safety Page on www.nanaimo.ca and directing media requests.

f. Next Steps

Introduced by Lisa Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community Planning.

The Taskforce summarized the discussion points of the meeting.

6. QUESTION PERIOD:

No one in attendance wished to ask questions.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 5:06 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CHAIR

CORPORATE OFFICER