

# ATTACHMENT A



## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### TASK FORCE ON HEALTH AND HOUSING

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#### **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 Committee members should be senior level decision makers for each participating organization.

The voting membership of the Committee will be as follows:

- One-two (1-2) members of Council
- Nine (9) members.

Chair – member of Council

Alternate Chair – member of Council/other Committee 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\*\*

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