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SUBJECT HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report**

To provide the Governance and Priorities Committee with an update on the final Health and Housing Action Plan and the Health and Housing Task Force's recommended next steps for implementation.

## **BACKGROUND**

This report provides the Governance and Priorities Committee with the Staff report presented at the final meeting of the Health and Housing Task Force (the "Task Force") held on 2021-FEB-10 (Attachment A). The attachment includes a summary of the process along with the final version of the Health and Housing Action Plan (the "Action Plan"). This report also provides Council with the following Task Force motions that will be considered by Council at its 2021-FEB-22 meeting as consent items.

The Task Force held its final meeting on 2021-FEB-10, and unanimously passed the following motions:

- "1. That the Health and Housing Task Force recommend that Council endorse the draft Health and Housing Action Plan.*
- 2. That the Health and Housing Task Force recommend that Council direct Staff to convene a transition group to establish the overall governance requirements as well as guide the implementation of the System Planner Organization and report back to Council."*

## **DISCUSSION**

An immediate action identified in the Action Plan is *supporting incubation of a Health and Housing Systems Planner Organization to help optimize current approaches and maximize return on investment*. Essentially, a Systems Planner Organization (SPO) would be responsible for several key areas of plan implementation. This includes focussing on improved coordination and organisation of existing health and housing resources.

To this end, at their final 2021-FEB-10 meeting, the Task Force members passed the above motion requesting that Council direct Staff to convene a transition group to establish the overall governance requirements, as well as guide the implementation of the SPO and report back to

Council. While not necessarily limited to Task Force members, it is likely the transition group would be largely comprised of individuals representing the same organizations that participated in the creation of the Action Plan. Specifically, the Task Force discussed the transition team including the Task Force City Council Chairs Don Bonner and Erin Hemmens, along with representatives from Snuneymuxw First Nation, Chamber of Commerce, the non-profit sector, and other Task Force members in the transition team.

If directed by Council to proceed with the transition group, Staff anticipate it will be two to three months before returning to Council with an update. This will allow time to convene the transition team and facilitate discussions on governance requirements and establishing the SPO. This will also allow transition team members to engage with their respective organizations on how they can best support Action Plan implementation.

#### **SUMMARY POINTS**

- At its final meeting on 2021-FEB-10, Health and Housing Task Force members passed motions requesting that Council endorse a Health and Housing Action Plan and direct Staff to convene a transition group to establish overall governance requirements, and guide the creation of a System Planner Organization, responsible for implementing several key plan priorities.
- Council at its 2021-FEB-22 will consider the motions as consent items.
- If directed to proceed with the transition group, Staff anticipate it will be two to three months before returning to Council with an update.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

ATTACHMENT A: 2021-FEB-10 Health and Housing Action Plan Implementation Staff Report

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