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TERMS OF REFERENCE

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

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PURPOSE

The Affordable Housing and Development Advisory Committee (AHDC) is a Select Committee established by Council. The purpose of AHDC is to serve as an advisory/liaison body between Council and the housing, development, building, and real estate community.

OBJECTIVES

The committee will provide advice to Council on the implementation of the Town of Creston's Affordable Housing Strategy and other Town of Creston policies and strategies to address housing needs in the community. The committee will also be advisory to Council with respect to its bylaws and policies and their application to the building and development industry. The committee will report its findings and opinions to Council.

COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE

The Mayor or Mayor's designate, with assistance from a Town of Creston staff, will coordinate the membership selection process. The Mayor will coordinate the selection for the Select Committee and make final appointment recommendations to Council.

The membership of AHDC shall consist of two (2) elected officials representing Council as Chair and Vice Chair, a Town of Creston liaison staff member from Planning (non-voting), and up to fifteen (15) voting members appointed by Council as follows:

- One (1) member from the building / development sector;
- One (1) member from health services sector;
- One (2) members from the real estate sector;
- One (1) member from Creston Valley Community Housing Society;
- One (1) member representing Seniors (65+);
- One (2) members from social advocacy sector;
- One (1) member from Ministerial Association;
- One (2) member from the Community at Large;
- One (1) Youth Representative;
- One (1) Representative from Yaqaan Nukiy;
- Three (3) members from the RDCK (one from each electoral areas A, B, and C).

AHDC may also consist of non-voting members, including:

- Liaison Town of Creston staff members, and
- Others, as necessary.

All member appointments may be reviewed annually at Council's discretion, or will be done after a Council re-election takes place. Members are expected to attend at least 75% of the meetings.

The members of AHDC shall serve without remuneration but may, from time to time, and on a resolution of Council, be reimbursed for expenses they incur while performing their functions as a member of the committee.

Council may, at any time, remove any member of AHDC and any member may resign at any time upon sending written notice to the Chair of AHDC. In the event of a vacancy occurring during a regular term on the committee, the vacancy may be filled for the remainder of that term in the same way the initial appointments were made.

SCOPE OF WORK

To achieve the objectives, the AHDC will undertake the following activities:

- Participate in the development of an "Affordable Housing Strategy" for the Town of Creston and surrounding areas, including an action plan.
- Monitor the implementation of the Town's Affordable Housing Strategy.
- Provide input to elected officials regarding local-level policies, programs, and incentives that may be used to support a range of housing options and affordability levels in the Town and Creston Valley.
- Identify local government approaches to supporting housing initiatives through measures such as policy incentives.
- Collect data on rental housing needs in the Town of Creston, the Creston Valley and surrounding areas.
- Advise Council on affordable rental housing needs within the Creston Valley.
- Hear and consider representations by any individual organization or delegation of citizens with respect to housing and make recommendations considered to be in the interest of the City as a whole, arising there from to Council.
- Act as a liaison between Council and any community organization concerned with the provision of housing.

- Members to bring strengths of their individual networks to improve Committee outcomes.
- Collaborates on all housing within the “Housing Wheelhouse” – Safety Net, Housing with Supports & Market Housing – to increase inventory

PROCEDURES

1. The meetings shall be held quarterly or as determined by the Chair on an ‘as needed’ basis.
2. In the event the Chair is not present, the Vice Chair will act as Chair for that meeting. In the event that the Chair and Vice Chair are not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned until the next meeting or the next meeting called by the Chair.
3. A quorum of AHDC will be greater than 50% of its members. If a quorum is not present the Chair, at his/her discretion, may carry on with discussion of items on the Agenda but will not entertain any motions for referral or recommendation to Council. In the event that there is not a quorum, the Agenda will be reproduced and presented at a subsequent meeting of the committee.
4. The meetings shall be open to the public, with the exception of matters that would be dealt with in the closed portion of a Council meeting as defined in Division 3 of the Community Charter, and shall be held at Town Hall.
5. A minimum of seven (7) days’ notice must be given, and included in the notice will be the purpose for the meeting.
6. An Agenda package shall be provided to AHDC members at least three (3) days in advance of the meeting date.
7. Responsibility for the items appearing on the Agenda will rest with the Chair in communication with the staff liaison assigned to support AHDC. AHDC members are encouraged to submit items for inclusion on the Agenda.
8. AHDC will only concern itself with the items on the Agenda and, with respect to any new business that may be presented, the Chair may entertain a general discussion and where appropriate, the item will be referred to the next regular committee meeting for full discussion and recommendation.
9. In addition to items raised by the Chair and AHDC members, the committee will also address matters referred by Council.
10. Minutes of the meeting shall be prepared by Town of Creston staff, subsequently signed by the Chair, and forwarded to Council. AHDC will report to Council through its minutes and by making recommendations for Council’s consideration.

11. AHDC will not have any administrative authority or jurisdiction to implement change or give direction to alter current policies, procedures, and practices. However, the committee may, and is encouraged to make recommendations to Council if it wishes to request staff to investigate certain matters or wishes to make recommendations with respect to Council's policies, procedures, and practices.
12. AHDC may hold public meetings to obtain feedback from the community and to relay information to the community.
13. AHDC may appoint sub-committees of its members to review and provide recommendations on specific issues to the committee.
14. AHDC may invite or entertain delegations that are either directly related to, or have a peripheral interest in, development matters to receive their comments and recommendations with respect to specific issues.
15. AHDC will act as a clearing house and a forum for ideas and policy issues relating to its purpose.
16. AHDC will consider, as appropriate, Council's objectives and strategies as contained within the Town of Creston Annual Report when making recommendations to Council.
17. If a committee member is unavailable to attend a meeting, an alternative may be sent if the alternative member has been approved by the Chair.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

AHDC members must abide by the conflict of interest provision outlined in the Community Charter as amended or replaced from time to time. If a conflict of interest arises between a committee member attending a meeting and the matter being discussed, the member must declare a conflict of interest and state the general nature of the conflict. After making such declaration, the member must not take part in any discussions on the matter, must immediately leave the meeting, and must not attempt to influence any member at any time in relation to the matter.

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