

On Feb 28, 2017, at 1:50 PM, directorssi <directorssi@crd.bc.ca> wrote:

We held a meeting of the Steering Committee for Drake Road this morning and there was increased enthusiasm and ideas for moving things along. FYI the Steering Committee is composed of Rob Pingle, Chair of Trustees SD 64; Rod Scotvold, Treasurer SD64; John Wakefield , Trustee SD64; Kisa Peterson, SSI Housing Council; Karla Campbell, CRD Senior Manager SSI; CRD Housing Secretariat representatives : Kevin Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; Christine Culham, Senior Manager, Housing Secretariat.

All agreed it was a very productive meeting, needing support to keep the momentum. FYI CRD Housing Secretariat staff have talked to BC Housing about the Drake Road Project and received positives comments. We are keen about keeping this going, hopefully to fruition and hence this ask for your support.

As you are aware the SSI LTC has given first reading for the CRD/SD64 DR Project for up to 80 units of mixed affordable housing. At a LTC meeting several months ago you asked what you could do to help and I said move to second reading, recognizing there would be the opportunity for conditions, e.g. water supply as well as two other chances to address any other issues. Unfortunately as I recall Trust staff didn't support moving to second reading. As I know you are aware there is a lot of government money available, in fact the most in history for affordable housing. However, there is serious competition for these dollars and we need to have SSI as a well-positioned applicant; hence my support request.

FYI the Drake Road hydrology study has been given CRD Board support and an RFP will be expedited; this is a positive step.

Another step would be to either reconsider second reading or perhaps to look at something support but less formal.

I am thinking of something like: "Be it resolved that the SSI Local Trust Committee recognizes the urgent need for additional affordable housing on Salt Spring Island and fully supports the Drake Road project and applauds the CRD Board's actions to ensure water issues of supply and conservation are in place." Rough idea George is the master writer. I don't know hope the Trust deals with resolutions but a number of supportive resolutions for many subjects come to the CRD Board; some pass, some of course don't.

I await your thoughts. Clearly some kind of positive indication from the SSI LTC would be a good thing to potentially use in discussions with BC Housing and others.

Wayne