



Salt Spring Island Housing Action Program Task Force

Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021

Location: Electronic Meeting

Members Present: Rhonan Heitzmann, Chair
Kerrie Proulx, Vice Chair
James Back
Bryce Chapman
Nejmah Guermoudi
Meror Krayenhoff
Yvonne Saunders
Stanley Shapiro
Jessica Terezakis
Daniel Wood

Regrets: Amber Anderson
Maïkan (Forest) Bordeleau

Staff Present: Louisa Garbo, Island Planner
Daniela Murphy, Legislative Clerk
Geordie Gordon, Planner 2
Kristine Mayes, Planner 1
Rob Pingle, Planning Team Assistant
Sarah Shugar, Recorder

These minutes follow the order of the agenda although the sequence may have varied.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Planner Garbo welcomed staff and Task Force members and acknowledged that she was attending this meeting from the Lək̓ʷəŋən territory and expressed her gratitude.

1. INAUGURAL MEETING

1.1 Approval of Agenda

By general consent, the agenda was adopted.

1.2 Introduction of Members and Staff

Introductions were carried out.

ADOPTED

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1.3 Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

Planner Garbo announced the election procedures, and opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair.

Member Heitzmann was nominated, seconded and accepted the nomination.

Member Shapiro was nominated, seconded and declined the nomination.

Member Proulx was nominated, seconded and accepted the nomination.

Planner Garbo called three times for further nominations. Hearing none, she declared the nominations closed. Planning Team Assistant Pingle created a Zoom poll to allow the members to vote in the same manner as a “secret ballot”. Planning Team Assistant Pingle confirmed that all votes were accounted for. Member Heitzmann was declared the successful candidate for Chair.

Planner Garbo then opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice- Chair.

Member Proulx was nominated, seconded and accepted the nomination.

Member Guermoudi was nominated, seconded and accepted the nomination.

Member Wood was nominated, seconded and declined the nomination.

Member Krayenhoff was nominated, seconded and accepted the nomination.

Planner Garbo called three times for further nominations. Hearing none, she declared the nominations closed. Planning Team Assistant Pingle created a Zoom poll to allow the members to vote in the same manner as a “secret ballot”. Member Chapman reported he would abstain from the vote due to technical difficulty. Planning Team Assistant Pingle confirmed that all votes were accounted for. Planning Team Assistant Pingle confirmed there was a tie vote between Member Proulx and Member Guermoudi. Planning Team Assistant created a second Zoom poll. Member Proulx was declared the successful candidate for Vice-Chair.

2. TASK FORCE MEMBERS ORIENTATION

Legislative Clerk Murphy provided an orientation session for Task Force Members.

3. APPROVAL OF WORK PLAN & TIMELINES (IN PRINCIPLE)

Planner Garbo presented a draft Housing Action Program Task Force Work Plan.

In discussion the following questions and comments were noted:

- There was a suggestion to consider previous housing studies and housing projects that have not been successful to assist the task force in their work plan.
- There was a question regarding whether the task force would have the opportunity to make recommendations to the Local Trust Committee that could be done in parallel to the task force work plan. Planner Garbo reported there would be opportunity for the task force to make recommendations in parallel with the longer-term work plan.

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Housing Task Force accept the draft Housing Action Program Task Force Work Plan.

CARRIED

4. PROJECT STATUS

Planner Garbo presented a project status update including early and on-going conversation with First Nations, Technical Working Group recurring meetings and the Public Engagement Process The Task Force Terms of Reference, Standards of Conduct, Housing Action Program Project Charter, SSI Housing Working Group Report and the Gabriola Housing Working Group Report were provided in the agenda package for information.

5. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

In discussion the following comments were noted:

- There was a comment that some of the housing data is out of date and there was a question regarding updated housing data. Planner Garbo reported the housing data study was produced by the Capital Regional District (CRD) and she will contact CRD staff regarding updated housing data.
- There was a question regarding defining goals to measure success. Planner Garbo advised the task force could define an outcome as part of the work plan. It is important that the work plan goals consider that the Islands Trust does not have the jurisdiction to build housing.
- There was a suggestion to look into the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Housing Challenge funding.
- It was noted the Gabriola Housing Working Group Report is a resource and there was a suggestion that the task force can build on experience of other communities.
- There was a question regarding a community survey. Planner Garbo reported a survey would be part of the public engagement process.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Rhonan Heitzmann, Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Sarah Shugar, Recorder