



AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the committee meeting of the Affordable Senior Housing Committee held Wednesday, April 7th, 2021 at 4:07 p.m. via videoconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was also available via teleconference.

Members Present: Francine Desormeau, CAO/Clerk/Deputy-Treasurer
Garry Thibert, Chair, Councillor of Town of Mattawa
Loren Mick, Councillor of Town of Mattawa
Laura Ross, Councillor of Town of Mattawa
Vala Monestime Belter, Member at Large
Amy Leclerc, Executive Assistant/Deputy-Clerk
Brittany Belanger, Executive Assistant
Eleanor Humphrey, Member at Large

Development Team: John Demeis, Descon Construction Ltd
David Butler, Descon Construction Ltd
Keith Harriman, Descon Construction Ltd

Members Absent: None

1. Call to Order

Chair Thibert called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution Number ASH20-09

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Vala Belter

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Affordable Senior Housing Meeting of Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021 be adopted as circulated as amended.

Carried

3. Construction Update – Photos and Updated Floor Plans

Mr. Demeis provided the Committee with updated photos and reviewed the progress with the construction up to date. The demolition is almost complete inside the building with all materials from the building brought to the landfill. Construction is proceeding as planned despite the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions in place.

A committee member raised concerns on the design of some units with respect to closet space. Due to working within the confines of existing building size the design team met some challenges and are working to rectify any issues/concerns the members have. Storage areas can be made available outside the units in specified areas of the building.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic challenges with supplies are rising and the team is working through all challenges.

4. Preliminary Project Schedule

Mr. Demeis spoke to the progress of the development timeline. All well in spite of COVID-19 challenges. Indoor and outdoor concept designs were agreed upon in early December 2020. Approvals obtained by Town of Mattawa Council in January 2021 as well as obtaining the demolition permit.

All feedback from the committee and Council was taken to the architects and engineers at Descon Construction in February with final drawings being done end of March for building permit. Expecting to have final review of permit by Chief Building Official in April.

5. Questions & Answers Document for Community

The Question and Answer Document is being completed with input from the committee and will expect completion of this by mid April.

Answers are still being obtained from both Descon Construction and committee members and the document will be submitted to the committee upon completion for final approval before releasing to the public.

6. New Business

A member of the committee raised questions on fundraising for the project. The organization that runs the Catch the Ace draw in Mattawa will be approached. Online 50/50 draws will be investigated and a report brought back to the committee if feasible.

A resignation letter was received from Member at Large Rob Hardwick. The letter will be going to the Council Agenda to find a replacement for the vacant seat on the committee.

7. Next Steps

Community meetings with seniors would be the next steps which will have to be postponed in person month of lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Other approaches were discussed which would be electronic media, Facebook advertising, newspaper articles, etc. Will discuss further at next meeting.

8. Adjourn Meeting (Next Meeting Date Wednesday, May 5th, 2021)

Resolution Number ASH20-10

Moved by Eleanor Humphrey

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Affordable Senior Housing Committee adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Carried



Chair