



AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the committee meeting of the Affordable Senior Housing Committee held Wednesday, May 5th, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. via videoconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was also available via teleconference.

Members Present: Francine Desormeau, CAO/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
Eleanor Humphrey, Member at Large
Amy Leclerc, Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk

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 ASH20-11

Moved by Vala Monestime-Belter

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Affordable Senior Housing Meeting of Wednesday, April 7th, 2021 be adopted as circulated as amended.

Carried

3. Affordable Housing Definition – Setting of Rental Rates

Mr. Harriman and Mr. Butler provided assistance to CAO/Treasurer Francine Desormeau with preparing rental rates for the project. If Council wants to deem the building affordable senior housing rental rates must be 80% of market value.

The proposed rental rates do not include utilities, will discuss options with Council. Utility rates can be included with rents. Air conditioning should be separate cost on individual unit basis.

Working with District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board if any programs are available or supplemental services.

4. Question & Answer Fact Sheet

Fact sheet provides many questions and answers. Members questioned if the document should be released in full at this time or a small document with additional questions added each week. The Committee felt better to release all at once with all questions answered.

Clarifications were requested on question numbers 12, 14 and 25 and further requested that the wording be changed on certain questions. Mr. Harriman of Descon Construction will help complete this task.

5. Update from Descon Construction

The building permit has been submitted to the Chief Building Official in April and was assured that the permit will be issued within the week.

Abatement is completed in the main areas of the building and the team is behind schedule as flooring underneath areas will not be pried up easily but are working diligently.

Engineers have received instruction on bracing the walls for removal which they will take out remaining brick walls and replace with steel beams and columns.

The COVID-19 lockdown has been challenging with receiving materials and have seen increased costs incurred. The team is being creative with all aspects to this project with regards to the lockdown.

Descon Construction is requiring feedback on the rendering drawings and would like the committee's thoughts on what features to incorporate in the building, bbq area, walking path, and gardening area. Will incorporate all feedback in the detailed plans and hope to have new drawings ready for next the meeting.

6. New Business

Document for fundraising was provided by Councillor Loren Mick and discussed if good opportunity. It was suggested to join the Bonfield Housing Project fundraising team. Mr. Harriman will look into facilitating a conversation with them.

With company that was researched the minimum amount to raise would be \$15,000.00 and if not raised the committee would have to pay the difference up to that amount. See if other not-for-profit agencies can assist in fundraising.

7. Next Steps

Committee members to meet with Bonfield Committee on fundraising.

Will have to speak more on pushing the completion date to January 2022 or beyond.

8. Adjourn Meeting (Next Meeting Date Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021)

Resolution Number ASH20-12

Moved by Eleanor Humphrey

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Affordable Senior Housing Committee adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Carried



Chair