



# AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the committee meeting of the Affordable Senior Housing Committee held Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the Dr. S. F. Monestime Council Chambers. The meeting was also available via teleconference.

Members Present: Francine Desormeau, CAO/Treasurer  
Garry Thibert, Chair, Councillor of Town of Mattawa  
Laura Ross, Councillor of Town of Mattawa  
Vala Monestime Belter, Member at Large  
Noella Burke, 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: Loren Mick, Councillor of Town of Mattawa

1. Call to Order

Chair Thibert called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution Number ASH20-17

Moved by Noella Burke

Seconded by Vala Monestime-Belter

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** the minutes of the Affordable Senior Housing Meeting of Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

3. Update from Descon Construction

Mr. Demeis of Descon Construction provided the committee with an update on the construction to date. Block walls on south side of building need to be blown out, back with structural engineers on that, made changes and back on track with construction.

The 1 bedroom with den apartment has been changed to just 1 bedroom no den due to beam in place that could not be moved. The beam did not have proper footing therefor couldn't make the small den part.

Bathroom fixtures such as bathtubs and sinks arriving earlier than expected. Metal doors and frames are expected for October. All hot water tanks and boilers arrived early. Higher

rated insulation could not be obtained so substituting with different grade of insulation and adding additional layer of drywall for sound barrier.

Ventilation system currently being installed, moving along well. All suite framing is being completed with rough in for electrical and plumbing.

Exterior landscaping is being completed. Granular material being added to walkway for courtyard. Trees in middle island has been removed leaving two birch trees. They will be trimmed to 8 feet in height for a better sitting area. If the statues can be repaired they will be returned to the location and placed at a different spot.

Certain 1 bedroom apartments will be made for a larger closet for more storage.

The laundry facility will be changed from coin operated washers and dryers to card operated. New system that allows for use of credit and debit cards with tap.

Descon Construction taking certain steps at this stage for potential phase 2 extension of building for future discussion of the committee.

#### 4. Naming of Complex

The committee each voiced their choices for possible names of the apartment building. Choices that were put forward was Laurentian Valley Suites, Rosemount Valley Apartments and Rosemount Valley Suites.

After much discussion the consensus for the name of the new Affordable Senior Housing Project Building is ROSEMOUNT VALLEY SUITES.

#### 5. Email to Bonfield Committee Drafted by Councillor Mick

The email was circulated by Councillor Loren Mick with regards to the potential joint fundraising initiative for the Mattawa and Bonfield Senior Housing Committees. The email was sent to the Bonfield Committee advising that this committee has but our fundraising efforts on hold for the time being and thanked them for the possible partnership. We will review the partnership in the future.

#### 6. New Business

Another intake of the Rapid Housing Initiative has opened with a submission deadline of August 31, 2021. This initiative is 100% funded and Descon Construction team will submit and application on behalf of this committee and Council. If successful will have a short window to complete the project.

Will be submitting the application with phase 2 included providing 50 affordable units. Funding will be connected with DNSSAB as CMHC has appointed them the affordable housing caretakers in the district.

Apartments can be added in another wing or potential for second storey being added but

committee can discuss if/when funding is announced.

6.1 Affordable Senior Housing Committee Vacancy

The committee was provided with the applications of three citizens wishing to be part of the Affordable Senior Housing Committee. After discussion on all candidates the board chose Mr. Kevin Bittner to present to the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa for final decision and passing of Council resolution.

7. Next Steps

Descon Construction Team to provide CAO/Treasurer Francine Desormeau with copies of Operating Procedures and By-laws for the housing project.

Application for Rapid Initiative Funding to be applied for by Descon Construction.

It was asked to have the square footage for units in the Question and Answer document.

7. Adjourn Meeting (Next Meeting Date Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021)

Resolution Number ASH20-18

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Vala Monestime-Belter

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Affordable Senior Housing Committee adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m.***

Carried

  
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Chair