

Meeting Minutes

Hospitals and Housing Committee

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

1:30 PM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

PRESENT

Directors: K. Murdoch (Chair), J. Caradonna (Vice Chair), M. Alto, P. Brent, S. Brice, Z. de Vries, G. Holman (EP), P. Jones, D. Kobayashi, C. McNeil-Smith, L. Szpak

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; D. Elliott, Senior Manager, Regional Housing; S. Henderson, Senior Manager, Real Estate & SGI Services; I. Lawrence, Senior Manager Local Area Planning, Juan de Fuca (EP); R. Fowles, Manager, Planning & Capital Projects, Regional Housing; J. Proctor, Manager, Housing Planning Policy and Programs; H. Rodinger, Manager, Housing and Business Development, Regional Housing; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Director C. Plant

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Murdoch provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director de Vries,
That the agenda for the September 4, 2024 Hospitals and Housing Committee be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [24-808](#) Minutes of the July 3, 2024 Hospitals and Housing Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director de Vries,
That the minutes of the Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting of July 3, 2024 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations.

5.1. Delegations

**MOVED by Director Kobayashi, SECONDED by Director Alto,
That an additional seven (7) minutes be added to the speaking time of the
delegation.**

CARRIED

5.1.1. [24-826](#)

Delegation - Sylvia Ceacero; Representing Alliance to End Homelessness in the Capital Region (formerly GVCEH); Re: Item 6.4.: Capital Regional District's Role in Regional Homelessness and Alliance to End Homelessness in the Capital Region Funding Increase Request

S. Ceacero spoke to Item 6.4.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [24-799](#)

Recent Provincial Housing Initiatives

K. Lorette presented Item 6.1. for information.

6.2. [24-801](#)

Carey Lane Building Envelope Remediation Budget Amendment and Capital Region Housing Corporation Major Capital Plan (2024-2028) Amendment

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued regarding the temporary relocation of Carey Lane residents while work is being completed on that building.

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director de Vries,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Region
Housing Corporation Board:**

- 1) That the Resolution of Directors in the form required by BC Housing Management Commission for the purposes of authorizing the execution of the Loan and Mortgage documents for the Carey Lane Building Envelope Remediation project (PID 012-067-032), substantially in the form attached hereto as Appendix B, be approved; and**
- 2) That the Capital Region Housing Corporation Major Capital Plan (2024-2028) be approved as amended in Appendix C.**

CARRIED

6.3. [24-800](#) Thuthiquit Hulelum' (Forest Homes) Grant Application Authority

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.3.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- clarification of the eligibility criteria for the Community Works Fund
- feedback on the details that resulted in the 2023 grant denial
- consideration of granting staff delegated authority for grant applications

**MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional
District Board:**

That the Chief Administrative Officer, or their duly authorized delegate, be authorized to apply for, negotiate and accept the terms to receive funds, execute agreements and do all things necessary to secure grant funding and financing for the project at 280 Georgeson Bay Road on Galiano Island through funding programs as necessary and as they become available.

CARRIED

6.4. [24-802](#) Capital Regional District's Role in Regional Homelessness and Alliance to End Homelessness in the Capital Region Funding Increase Request

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.4.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the intent of the one-time increase
- metrics to determine the effectiveness of the program
- the timeline for deployment of the CRD Homeless Individuals Families Information System (HIFIS)
- the level of involvement of AEHCR in the proposed regional engagement

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Szpak,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional
District Board:**

1. That the Capital Regional District (CRD) commits to continue funding the Alliance to End Homelessness in the Capital Region through annually negotiated service agreements at their core service level of \$225,000 to the end of 2026; and
2. That the CRD includes a one-time increase of \$100,000 in the CRD's 2025 Financial Plan for CRD staff to undertake regional engagement to determine the CRD's potential role in advancing regional supportive housing and sheltering objectives.

**MOVED by Director de Vries, SECONDED by Director Holman,
That Item 1 of the main motion be amended to replace the wording "\$225,000"
with the wording "\$370,000".**

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Alto, Brent, Brice, Caradonna, Kobayashi, Szpak

The question was called on Item 2 of the main motion:

**The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional
District Board:**

2. That the CRD includes a one-time increase of \$100,000 in the CRD's 2025 Financial Plan for CRD staff to undertake regional engagement to determine the CRD's potential role in advancing regional supportive housing and sheltering

objectives.
CARRIED

The question was called on Item 1 of the main motion:
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That the Capital Regional District (CRD) commits to continue funding the Alliance to End Homelessness in the Capital Region through annually negotiated service agreements at their core service level of \$225,000 to the end of 2026; and
CARRIED

OPPOSED: de Vries, Holman, McNeil-Smith

7. Notice(s) of Motion

7.1. [24-742](#) Motion with Notice: Rental Protection Fund (Director de Vries)

Discussion ensued regarding the impact to staff's workload.

MOVED by Director de Vries, **SECONDED** by Director Caradonna,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

That staff report back to the Hospitals and Housing Committee about options and opportunities with respect to the province's Rental Protection Fund.
CARRIED

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Kobayashi,
That the September 4, 2024 Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting be adjourned at 3:17 pm.
CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER