

# COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Wednesday, October 16, 2024 7:00 – 9:00 pm HYBRID (IN-PERSON AND ONLINE VIA MS TEAMS)

Members: Becky Zelikson (Chair) Kelly Bond

Brenna Quaas Paola Blendl Christina Cassidy Trelawny Bell David Puterman (Vice Chair) Zoha Meisami

Genevieve MacMillan

Regrets: Doug Beckett

Michael Shi

**Ruby Vennesland** 

**Guest:** Zeralynne Te, Community Planning Manager

Staff: Eirikka Brandson, Social Planner

Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk

#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm,

Committee members provided a brief introduction.

## 2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved, seconded and resolved To adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

## 3. Adoption of the September 18, 2024 Minutes

Moved, seconded and resolved

To adopt the minutes.

**CARRIED** 

#### 4. Foundations for Social Change Presentation

The presenters were unable to attend the committee meeting. The PowerPoint presentation provided by the organization was shared with the committee members for information.

### 5. Policy Updates

## (a) Goals and Guiding Principle Document - Proposed Question

At the previous meeting, committee members suggested to add a question in the Goals and Guiding Principle document on how agencies promote reconciliation with First

Nations. However, to make sure that there is alignment with the Municipality's other relationship documents with the Nations, and until updates are made to the policy, it may be beneficial to wait until the policy is updated and thus not make any changes to the application form at this time.

#### (b) Corporate Policy

Committee members reviewed the Corporate Policy, and the following revisions were suggested:

- To align with the application, change the word "citizen" to resident.
- In section 3 and section 4, update the methods of communication to social media.

# 6. Highlighting the work of agencies and exploring partnering with Communications Department

Committee members discussed the possibility of partnering with the Communications Department and showcase the work of a non-profit or perhaps highlight a service that would benefit as many residents as possible. In addition, committee members suggested that it may be beneficial to also showcase the committee's work and the available grants, and then give some examples of organizations.

#### 7. Any Other Business

#### **Date for Celebration Dinner**

In keeping with past practice and to acknowledge the committee's work, a celebration event will be scheduled for November instead of the business meeting. For this year, the celebration dinner will take place on Thursday, November 21, 2024.

## 8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next Meeting: The next business meeting will be on Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

#### **District Vision Statement**

Our goal is to be recognized among the most sustainable communities in the world as demonstrated through our environmental stewardship, strong network of neighbourhoods, a vibrant economy and community-driven growth and change.