

Meeting Room C, City Hall
November 12, 2009

Council convened in an Information session at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher (arrived at 7:40pm), Kovach (retired at 7:20pm), Piper and Wettstein

Absent: Councillors Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, and Salisbury

Staff Present: Mr. J. Riddell, Director of Community Design and Development Services; Mr. S. Hannah, General Manager of Economic Development & Tourism; Ms. M. Plaunt, Manager of Policy Planning & Urban Design; Mr. L. Kuk, Policy Planner; and Ms. T. Agnello, Deputy City Clerk

DECLARATIONS UNDER MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

2009 Affordable Housing Discussion Paper

Ms. Plaunt, briefed the Committee on the purpose of the meeting with respect to collecting information regarding Affordable Housing.

Mr. Kuk provided an overview of the definitions of affordable ownership and rental housing, the methodology to determine affordable housing targets, recommended targets and implementation tools.

A discussion ensued regarding affordable housing and social housing and the committee determined that these types of housing are different. Incentives for affordable housing can be made through zoning and policy tools. Social Housing is a provincial and federal responsibility.

The 36% breakdown for housing is to be separated in to affordable and social housing. This figure is to be updated to reflect current statistics such as income levels, rental vacancies and market values of homes.

The members of Council proceeded to review and provide their thoughts on each of the implementation tools.

Ms. Plaunt explained that the consultation on the paper will include open houses, and meetings with stakeholders and the paper is available on the City's website.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 o'clock p.m.

Minutes read and confirmed November 23, 2009.

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Mayor

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Deputy City Clerk