

Housing Working Group Meeting Notes

August 16th, 2022

Virtual WebEx Meeting

10:00AM – 12:00PM

Those in Attendance: Lance Dingman, Tim Nolan, Tom Manzuk, James Kemp

Those Absent: Paula Kilburn, Jayne Cardno

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of August 16th Agenda: Agenda was approved

3. Presentation from Tim Nolan Regarding

Condominiums: Tim Nolan presented an idea he had regarding condominiums being added to the social housing inventory. Tim suggested that a program at all three levels of government would be able to provide condos to low income individuals with the Federal Government giving the developers a reduced rate of development fees. The provincial government would waive or cover the costs of condo fees and the municipal government would manage and oversee the program. As the ratio of new builds is

skewed to condos, Tim thought this would be a way of providing more housing to the inventory.

The HWG discussed the plan and decided that it was too late in the term to begin anything new, so we would put it on our OBL and revisit it in the new term. The next HWG can decide if it is something worth pursuing.

4. Rising Stars discussion with Lance Dingman:

Lance was in touch with researchers from McMaster University. They want to do a needs assessment of the 2006 report on Co-ops and see what is needed to bring the report up to date with recent developments. Tom and the Chair volunteered to work with Lance and see if we can't help nudge the program along. When the needs assessment is completed, the HWG will revisit and decide what other support we can provide Lance.

5. Accessible Housing Guide: As I only just found copies of the Accessible Housing Guide, we were unable to start our review of the housing guide.

6. Other Business: There was no other business.

7. Adjournment