



MINUTES OF THE HOMELESSNESS ACTION TABLE MEETING

HELD IN THE CKF ROOM
LANGLEY CITY HALL
20399 DOUGLAS CRESCENT
THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2017
AT 2:00 P.M.

Present: Councillor Gayle Martin
Sgt. Dave Selvage
Insp. Shawn Boudreau
Dominic Flanagan
Susan Noga
Janet Burden
Emmy Skates
Lynn Whitehouse
Cathy Gibbs
Mary Polak
Alison Nicol
Sanjeev Nand

Staff Present: F. Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer

1. **NOMINATION OF CHAIR**

Ms. Janet Burden was nominated as the Chair of the Homelessness Action Table. Ms. Burden accepted the nomination. No other nominees were put forward after three calls. Ms. Burden was acclaimed as the Chair of the Homelessness Action Table.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a. Adoption of the May 17, 2017 Agenda

THAT the May 17, 2017 agenda be adopted as circulated

CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

- a. None

4. **AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. The Chief Administrative Officer reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Homelessness Action Table.

- b. The Chief Administrative Officer made a presentation on the Langleys Homelessness Strategic Plan, addressing homelessness in Metro Vancouver and the 2017 Homelessness Count in Metro Vancouver to provide context for discussion on the Annual Work Plan.

The Chief Administrative Officer reviewed the 19 strategies from the Langleys Homelessness Strategic Plan and the progress to date with the implementation of some of the strategies.

- c. Annual Work Plan
Members of the Homelessness Action Table (HAT) discussed the strategies from the Langleys Homelessness Strategic Plan. The following strategies were identified as the priorities for HAT to pursue for the duration of their term:

Strategies	Action
i. Form a Homelessness Integration Team	Work with the Intensive Case Management (ICM) team to formulate a partnership between the ICM team and the HIT. This partnership will allow the parties to identify client-specific barriers to success and collectively identify solutions to respond. Participating members may consider using BC Housing's Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT) or other client assessment tools. As an extension of this strategy, HIT could collaborate with the RCMP and Bylaw officers to respond to police/Bylaw calls related to persons experiencing homelessness.
ii. Create a partnership agreement between the City and Township	HAT, through City Council, invite the Township to formally participate as a member of the HAT.
iii. Support the feasibility study for a permanent supportive housing project	Advocate to BC Housing and Fraser Health for a permanent supportive housing project.
iv. Increase the number of rent supplements in the Langleys	Advocate to BC Housing to increase the rent supplements and the numbers of rent supplements.
v. Support the feasibility of developing a Youth Safe House	Support the new Youth Resource Centre and continue to advocate for a Youth Safe House.

vi. Support integrated intervention approaches to health and housing	Work with the Intensive Case Management (ICM) team to formulate a partnership between the ICM team and the HIT to facilitate better integration between health and housing services. This includes employing teams to address issues related to hoarding, bed bugs and other health and housing related issues and supporting these efforts by making information and training available to social service providers, housing providers, outreach teams and other teams (e.g. Homelessness Integration Team).
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Members of HAT acknowledged that some of these strategies are either in a planning and/or consultative phase while others will be supported with the implementation of the Intensive Case Management (ICM) team.

Members of HAT suggested that a representative from the Downtown Langley Business Association and Indigenous/Aboriginal service group be invited to upcoming meetings.

5. New and Unfinished Business

- a. Next Homelessness Action Table meeting
The next Homelessness Action Table Meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2017 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at Langley City Hall.

6. ADJOURNMENT

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

CHAIR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER