

# DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

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**Title:** Membership for the Affordable Housing Working Group

**Date Prepared:** April 15, 2021

**Report To:** Regular Meeting of Council

**Councillor and Role:** Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary, Housing

**Ward:** N/A

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## **Decision/Direction Required:**

Approval of Membership for the Affordable Housing Working Group (AHWG) based on the recommendations by lead staff and the Office of the City Clerk.

## **Discussion – Background and Current Status:**

The Affordable Housing Working Group is responsible to provide advice to Council regarding housing system related policies, directives and strategies as well as implementation of the 10-year Affordable Housing Strategy.

Recognizing the resignation of Ayon Shahed in November 2020, a call for interested persons was advertised for a representative from a community sector involved in housing solutions with the deadline for applications being December 4, 2020. A total of eight applications were received.

Through consultation with the City Clerk's Office and the Team Leads (Judy Tobin and Krista Gladney), it was agreed that Sandra Whiffen of Habitat for Humanity Newfoundland and Labrador is the recommended candidate. It is requested that she be appointed in accordance with Section 3.1 of the Terms of Reference.

## **Key Considerations/Implications:**

1. Budget/Financial Implications: N/A
2. Partners or Other Stakeholders:  
The City's New Affordable Housing Strategy was built upon public and strategic stakeholder engagement, and the implementation will be guided and shaped by multi-stakeholder partnerships and processes. The above representative will be amongst our key partners moving forward in supporting our affordable housing efforts and shaping our new strategy.
3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans:
  - a) A Sustainable City
  - b) A Connected City

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4. Legal or Policy Implications: N/A
5. Privacy Implications: N/A
6. Engagement and Communications Considerations: N/A
7. Human Resource Implications: N/A
8. Procurement Implications: N/A
9. Information Technology Implications: N/A
10. Other Implications: N/A

**Recommendation:**

That Council appoint Sandra Whiffen of Habitat for Humanity Newfoundland and Labrador to the Affordable Housing Working Group.

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**Approved by:** Elaine Henley, City Clerk