

# DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

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**Title:** Affordable Housing Working Group – Appointment of New Members

**Date Prepared:** March 27, 2025

**Report To:** Regular Meeting of Council

**Councillor and Role:** Councillor Ron Ellsworth, Affordable Housing Working Group

**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.

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

The Affordable Housing Working Group is responsible for providing advice to Council regarding housing system related policies, directives, and strategies as well as implementation of the 10-year Affordable Housing Strategy. As members have recently come to the end of their terms, a Call for Members was placed seeking representatives from the community sector involved in housing solutions. The applications were reviewed by lead staff and the following representatives are being recommended for appointment:

- Rosalind Langer, Co-operative Housing Association Newfoundland and Labrador (CHANAL)
- Sherry Whittle, The Gathering Place
- Harim Jun, Memorial University Internalization Office

For the organizations listed in the ARWG Terms of Reference, the following replacements have been appointed:

- Jennifer Tipple, End Homelessness St. John's replacing Simone Lily
- Emily Timmins, Provincial Government Representative replacing Robert Piccott

## **Key Considerations/Implications:**

1. Budget/Financial Implications: N/A
2. Partners or Other Stakeholders: Implementation of the Affordable Housing Strategy will be guided and shaped by multi-stakeholder partnerships and processes. The above representatives support and inform our Affordable Housing Strategy

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3. Is this a New Plan or Strategy: No

If yes, are there recommendations or actions that require progress reporting?

If yes, how will progress be reported? (e.g.: through the strategic plan, through Cascade, annual update to Council, etc.)

4. Alignment with Strategic Directions:

A Connected City: Develop and deliver programs, services and public spaces that build safe, healthy and vibrant communities.

An Effective City: Achieve service excellence through collaboration, innovation and modernization grounded in client needs.

5. Alignment with Adopted Plans: 10 Year Affordable Housing Strategy

6. Accessibility and Inclusion: The Call for Members was made available in a variety of formats upon request.

7. Legal or Policy Implications: N/A

8. Privacy Implications: N/A

9. Engagement and Communications Considerations: The Call for Members was circulated by Communications Staff and posted on social media.

10. Human Resource Implications: N/A

11. Procurement Implications: N/A

12. Information Technology Implications: N/A

13. Other Implications: N/A

**Recommendation:**

That Council approve of the following appointments to the Affordable Housing Working Group:

- Rosalind Langer, Co-operative Housing Association Newfoundland and Labrador (CHANAL)
- Sherry Whittle, The Gathering Place
- Harim Jun, Memorial University Internalization Office
- Jennifer Tipple, End Homelessness St. John's

- Emily Timmins, Provincial Government Representative

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**Report Approval Details**

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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