

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title: Affordable Housing Working Group Membership

Date Prepared: May 29, 2020

Report To: Committee of the Whole

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

Ward: N/A

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. Five organizations are asked to appoint a representative, namely the Canadian Home Builders Association, Newfoundland and Labrador; Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; Newfoundland and Labrador Housing; End Homelessness St. John's (EHSJ); and the Provincial Government.

Victoria Belbin, the representative from Canadian Home Builders Association, has resigned from her position and Curtis Mercer has replaced her as the CEO on an interim basis. Mr. Mercer has agreed to be the replacement CHBA representative for the AHWG on an interim basis until a new CEO has been appointed.

In order to maximize participation on the Panel and to meet the need for continuity it is requested that the following people be appointed/reaffirmed in accordance with Section 3.2 of the Terms of Reference:

1. Gail Thornhill, Stella's Circle – extend until May 2022
2. Jill Snow, CMHC – extend until May 2022
3. Andrew Harvey, First Light NL – extend until May 2022
4. Ayon Shahed, Choices for Youth – extend until December 2020

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications:
N/A
2. Partners or Other Stakeholders:

ST. JOHN'S

- a. 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 Culture of Cooperation – Create effective City – community collaborations
 - b. Responsive and Progressive – Create a culture of engagement
 - c. Effective Organization – Develop a knowledgeable and engaged committee
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 Curtis Mercer as the temporary representative for CHBA and reaffirm the membership of the following members to the Affordable Housing Working Group:

1. Gail Thornhill, Stella's Circle – extend until May 2022
2. Jill Snow, CMHC – extend until May 2022
3. Andrew Harvey, First Light NL – extend until May 2022
4. Ayon Shahed, Choices for Youth – extend until December 2020

Prepared by: Shanna Fitzgerald, Legislative Assistant

Approved by: Elaine Henley, City Clerk

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Affordable Housing Working Group Membership.docx
Attachments:	
Final Approval Date:	Jun 1, 2020

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

Karen Chafe - May 31, 2020 - 11:12 PM

Elaine Henley - Jun 1, 2020 - 9:02 AM