



Corporation of The Municipality of North Grenville

Housing Advisory Committee Meeting No. 8

Draft Minutes

February 1st, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Held Virtually

Present

Councillor Debbie Wilson

Councillor Kristin Strackerjan

Co-Chair Nadia Diakun-Thibault

Mitch Bloom

Alain Cayer

Kevin Willey

Absent

Manpreet Shahi

Co-Chair Mayor Nancy Peckford

Ardis Lerner

Members of the Public

Corey Lockwood

Shawn Carnegie

Staff Present

Amy Martin, Director of Planning and Development

A. Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Nadia Diakun-Thibault at 5:30 p.m.

B. Disclosure of Interest

None.

C. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

HAoC-2023-07

Moved By Kevin Willey

Seconded By Debbie Wilson

That the meeting minutes of January 11th, 2024, be approved as presented.

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D. Delegations

None

E. Decision Items

None

F Correspondence/Information Items/Reports

F.1 Restrictive Rural Growth Policies

Mitch Bloom reviewed the proposed changes to the Provincial Policy Statement. Mitch reviewed the document from a rural densification perspective.

Mitch Bloom posed the question to the Committee: “How do you advance rural housing development while avoid impacting agricultural lands, maximizing use of public facilities, avoid rural sprawl and reduce impacts from water and wastewater management?”

Mitch Bloom noted that he researched the efforts of Frontenac County regarding what Frontenac has done to support rural housing development. Frontenac County does not have centralized water and wastewater services.

The proposed draft policy statement is not particularly rural friendly, and the potential for rural estate homes appears to be a possibility with the proposed changes to the Provincial Policy Statement

Newterra is a company out of Brockville that constructs portable wastewater treatment plant. Lots of other options available that are not as sophisticated.

Mitch Bloom provided that it is important to advance alternative forms of housing in rural areas that is not just rural estate subdivisions.

Nadia Diakun-Thibault proposed that Mitch put together an outline on rural housing policy, and work with some members to work on a recommendation for Council related to rural policy, particularly as it relates to housing.

Director Amy Martin suggested that the committee review the Official Plan to see how policies are supportive or not supportive of housing in the rural area.

Mitch Bloom will take the lead on the project of reviewing Rural development and housing.

Corey Lockwood provided his experience as a local builder and his expertise within the housing world.

F.2 Official Plan Pre-Engagement on Rural/Urban Development

Director Amy Martin outlined the pre-engagement process that is to occur ahead of the Official Plan.

The scope of the Request for Proposal was shared with the Committee.

G. Other Business

G.1. Items for Next Meeting

- Information on Alternative Housing Typologies
- Rural/Communal Septic Systems
- Building Code Constraints

H. Public Questions

None.

I. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.