

Housing Task Force Minutes

April 28, 2022

Present:

Geoff MacLellan, Paul LaFleche, Stephen MacIsaac, Kelly Denty, Peter Duncan, Fred Crooks, Mark Peck, Peter Hackett, Vicki Elliott-Lopez, Jeff Garber, Kathy Cox-Brown, Julie Bishop and Christina Lovitt.

Meeting Called to Order: 1:00

I Welcome and Approval of March 31, 2022, Minutes

- a) Motion to approve: Paul LaFleche
- b) Seconded: Stephen MacIsaac
- c) Carried: Chair, Geoff MacLellan

II Discussion with MLA Kent Smith

Present: MLA Kent Smith, Nick Langley, Senior Policy Analyst, Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- Thanks from MLA Smith for welcome
 - Commended Task Force on SPAs and other work completed to date
 - Shared common concerns related to roads, private roads, development outside of core city area, and approvals within peak building season

Discussion ensued with task force members regarding a path forward for rural areas of HRM. HRM members explained the regional plan review process currently underway with associated timelines.

III Article: https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2022/04/local-government-community-input-housing-public-transportation/629625/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=share

- Printed copies of article circulated for information only

In Camera (2:09 - 3:12 pm)

IV Special Planning Areas Update & Next Steps

A review of the work done and next steps for announced special planning areas was held.

V Terms of Reference

Discussion regarding the ongoing mandate/scope of the task force took place.

VI Outstanding Issues

Outstanding issues were deferred to May 5 Task Force meeting.

VII Adjournment

-Next Meeting May 5, 2022

-Meeting Adjourned 3:13 pm