

# Housing Task Force Minutes

March 31, 2022

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Present: Geoff MacLellan, Paul LaFleche, Mark Peck, Peter Duncan, Kelly Denty, Fred Crooks, Kathy Cox-Brown, Steve Maclsaac, Vicki Elliott-Lopez, Jeff Garber, Christina Lovitt, Peter Hackett

Meeting Called to Order: 12:08pm

- I. Welcome and Approval of March 10, 2022 Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve: Paul LaFleche
  - b. Seconded: Peter Duncan
  - c. Carried: Chair, Geoff MacLellan

*In Camera (12:10 – 1:05pm)*

*II. Special Planning Areas follow-up: Status & Next Steps*

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

*III. Proposed HRM By-Law Amendment*

*A discussion was held regarding a proposed HRM By-Law amendment.*

V. Discussion with UDI

Present: Stephen Adams, Chris Marchand, David Graham, Mark VanZeurmeren

Questions were brought to the Task Force by UDI pertaining to function of the task force.

1. How would a developer get on list and what information is required?

Use the Task Force email to make contact. A meeting is set up to gather information and then a decision is made as to whether this is a matter to come to the task force or not.

2. What we'd like developers to understand?

That the focus of the Task Force is the planning process.

That we had specific criteria for the announced Special Planning Areas.

We are looking at bottlenecks to construction.

- Shortages in apprentices / architects / engineers

What needs to be done?

- Still need to follow all steps with exception of Council.
- Expedition if needed.
- Consistency of staff on files.

UDI would like to work with the Task Force to be a trusted partner. They are available to discuss anything that could help make things easier.

*In Camera (2:12 – 2:39pm)*

*III. Proposed HRM By-Law Amendment*

*Continued from prior to UDI discussion.*

*IV. General Updates – Roundtable*

*Updates given by the Panel and Secretariat on items currently being worked on.*

*VI. New & Outstanding Issues*

*New and outstanding issues were discussed and follow-up actions identified.*

VII. Adjournment

- **Next Meeting:** April 14, 2022
- **Meeting Adjourned:** 2:40pm