



## **Executive Panel on Housing in HRM Minutes**

February 23, 2023

### **Present:**

Fred Crooks, Vicki Elliott-Lopez; Jarrod Baboushkin, Kelly Denty, Peter Duncan,  
Secretariat Staff

### **Agenda Items**

#### **1. Welcome & Call to Order**

- The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm

#### **2. Approval of Minutes**

- November 10, 2022, minutes approved.  
Motion: Vicki Elliott-Lopez  
Second: Fred Crooks  
Carried: Chair, Fred Crooks  
VOTE: Aye (5) Nay (0) Abstain (0)
- January 19, 2003, minutes approved.  
Motion: Kelly Denty  
Second: Jarrod Baboushkin  
Carried: Chair, Fred Crooks  
VOTE: Aye (5) Nay (0) Abstain (0)
- Next steps
  - It was agreed that where possible and ideally within one week of approval, Panel meeting minutes and agendas should be posted on the Executive Panel Website.
  - It was agreed that to avoid long delays, draft minutes can be circulated electronically prior to a meeting to speed up the approval and posting timelines.



### **3. Future Meetings**

- It was agreed that to ensure there is a continued alignment with other key government initiatives, the following entities should be invited to present at future Executive Panel meetings:
  - Joint Regional Transportation Agency
  - Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

### **4. Implementation Team – Updates**

- Update provided on implementation of the Deloitte Barrier Review's recommendations. It was noted that a significant number of the recommendations should be addressed through the HRM Regional Plan Review's work. At a future meeting HRM will provide an update on the Regional Plan Review's progress.
- The status of the work on identifying potential legislative initiatives was discussed. Analysis continues to move forward with respect to logistics associated with transit corridors on an accelerated basis.
- An update was provided on the Provincial Housing Needs Assessment's progress. The Panel discussed data that could be needed to assess future housing supply needs.

### **5. Terms of Reference**

- Terms of Reference were approved.
  - Motion: Peter Duncan
  - Second: Vicki Elliott-Lopez
  - Carried: Chair, Fred Crooks
  - VOTE: Aye (5) Nay (0) Abstain (0)
- Next steps
  - Terms of Reference will be posted on the Executive Panel Website.

### **6. Special Planning Areas**

#### **6.1 Progress Update:**

- For the 10 special planning areas:
  - The Minister has approved four development agreements. (Indigo Shores, Penhorn, Southdale-Mount Hope and Port Wallace)



- The remaining special planning areas are on track with their proposed timelines, with four more development agreements expected this Spring/Summer.
- Contract awarded by HRM for the various land (environmental) and infrastructure studies funded by the Province, that will enable development of four sites, two of which are special planning areas.

#### 6.2 Review of Pending Developments

- Deferred discussion to next meeting.
- Information will be circulated prior to next meeting.

#### **7. Adjournment**

- Next Meeting March 9, 2023
- Meeting Adjourned 2:01 pm