

Executive Panel on Housing in HRM Minutes

April 4, 2024

Present:

Vicki Elliott-Lopez, Jarrod Baboushkin, Peter Duncan, Erin MacIntyre, Mark Peachey, Kristin O'Toole Scott, Tanya Davis, and Kathy Cox-Brown.

Regrets:

Ellen Kelly

Agenda Items

1. PRELIMINARIES

- 1.1. Welcome & Call to Order
 - The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:39 pm.
- 1.2. Approval of Agenda
 - The agenda was circulated at the start of the meeting.
 - Motion to approve agenda.

Motion: Peter Duncan Second: Erin MacIntyre

Carried: Chair, Vicki Elliott-Lopez

1.3. Approval of Minutes

The approval of minutes March 21, 2024, and March 28, 2024 - Deferred

- 2. Presentation by Matt Campbell, Senior Manager, Public Sector Transformation, Deloitte on the Trusted Partner Program which included:
 - Draft Objectives and principles,
 - Proposed program scope,
 - Suggested eligibility criteria,
 - Process for accreditation,
 - Suggestion where the program should reside, and
 - Draft implementation plan.

Highlights of Panel Discussion:

- Who is the trusted partner regarding submissions completed on behalf of developers/builders,
- The level of consultation and need to engage stakeholders,
- Proposed benefits-around overall time savings and predictable timeframes,
- Adoption of a risk-based approach,



- Opportunity to pilot a smaller scale program,
- Role of professional consultants who submit on behalf of developers/builders,
- Choice for trusted partners to opt out using the program on a project-byproject basis where a development may be more complicated,
- Operationalizing the program

(Presentation is attached)

3. Round Table

- The proposed Expedition Park development being presented to Council on April 9th will provide clarity on size and other details.
- Update was provided on the following Special Planning Areas (SPA):
 - Dartmouth Crossing traffic study has been completed recommendations forthcoming,
 - Port Wallace traffic mitigation, scheduling and costing information required to proceed to the next phase is progressing, and
- Due to the additional Panel funding funds, the Young District Infrastructure Study is moving forward.
- Work is underway on regulations and bylaws for the Trusted Partner Program.

4. NEXT MEETING

• Next meeting: April 11, 2024.

5. ADJ OURNMENT

• Meeting adjourned 2:39pm