



Executive Panel on Housing in HRM Minutes

May 23, 2024

Present:

Vicki Elliott-Lopez, Jarrod Baboushkin, Erin MacIntyre, Kristin O'Toole Scott, Tanya Davis, Mark Peachy, Melissa Eavis, Kathy Cox-Brown, and Ellen Kelly.

Regrets:

Peter Duncan and Paula Sibley-Fox

Agenda Items

1. PRELIMINARIES

1.1. Welcome & Call to Order

- The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm.

1.2. Approval of Agenda

- Agenda was circulated electronically prior to the meeting. No amendments were made.

Motion: Jarrod Baboushkin

Second: Kristin O'Toole Scott

Carried: Chair, Vick Elliott-Lopez

Next steps: Agenda for May 23, 2024 to be posted on the Executive Panel website.

1.3. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for May 9, 2024 were circulated electronically prior to the meeting. No amendments were made.

Motion: Kristin O'Toole Scott

Second: Erin MacIntyre

Carried: Chair, Vick Elliott-Lopez

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2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1. Permit and Application Review – Julie Grant & Ben Rans, Davis Pier

- Looking at ways to potentially remove barriers to meet the Panel's mandate.
- Conducting a review of housing development and building permit applications where:
 - Housing development applications for 15+ units have been pending a decision for 6 or more months;



- Approved building permits for 15+ units where construction has not started within 90 days; and
- Planning application has been approved but no building permit application has been made.
- Phased project approach with an anticipated end date of July 2024
- Engagements are taking place in late-May and through June.

2.2. Panel Discussion

- Flexible engagement approach seeks to capture as many groups/people as possible.
- Interest in learning more regarding inquiries to HRM that do not turn into development applications and what barriers may exist.

3. SPECIAL PLANNING AREA UPDATES

- Some amendments to special planning areas have been put on hold pending review of impacts related to the outcome of Housing Accelerator Fund amendments.
- Port Wallace has a planning application underway.

4. ROUNDTABLE

- Discussion of HAF amendments, debate currently ongoing with Regional Council.

5. NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting: June 6, 2024

6. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned 1:46 pm