



Township of Southgate
Minutes of Affordable-Attainable
Housing Committee

November 23, 2021
7:00 PM
Electronic Participation

Members Present: Mayor John Woodbury, Ex Officio
Councillor Martin Shipston
Councillor Michael Sherson
Member Gerry McNalty
Member Janice Powell
Member Jennifer DeJong
Member Morgan McCannell
Member Muriel Scott

Staff Present: Dave Milliner, CAO
Lindsey Green, Clerk
Clinton Stredwick, Planner
Bev Fisher, Chief Building Official
Holly Malynyk, Recording Secretary

1. Electronic Access Information

Affordable-Attainable Housing Committee recordings will be available on the Township of Southgate [YouTube Channel](#) following the meeting.

2. Call to Order

Chair Shipston called the committee to order at 7:01 PM.

3. Confirmation of Agenda

Be it resolved that the Committee confirm the agenda as presented.

Moved By Gerry McNalty

Seconded By Councillor Sherson

Be it resolved that the Committee confirm the agenda as presented.

Carried

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

No one declared a pecuniary interest related to any item on the agenda.

5. Delegations & Presentations

None.

6. Adoption of Minutes

Moved By Councillor Sherson

Seconded By Gerry McNalty

Be it resolved that the Committee approve the minutes from the October 26, 2021 Affordable-Attainable Housing Committee meeting as presented.

Carried

7. Staff Updates

7.1 Saugeen Shores Attainable Housing Task Force Final Report and Recommendations

The Chair, Councillor Martin Shipston reported on the Saugeen Shores Attainable Housing Task Force Final Report and Recommendations. Members commented on the report and mentioned that the Report and Recommendations should be something they take into consideration instead of "reinventing the wheel".

Member Muriel Scott reported that the committee may find it resourceful to discuss item 22 with Mike from the Saugeen Shores Report and Recommendations.

Member Jennifer DeJong mentioned that the template seems to be a very well thought out organizational structure, and that this is something that the Committee could develop to fit the Township of Southgate to ensure that the Committee is covering all areas that they want to discuss and cover.

Vice Chair Gerry McNalty asked if any of the municipal staff had any ideas on land that could be available to set aside for development of Affordable-Attainable Housing Committee. The Planner reported that there are maps that the committee can look at and see if there are areas that can be used for Affordable-Attainable Housing Committee and that he will bring these forward to the next Affordable-Attainable Housing Committee meeting.

Member Gerry McNalty commented on how feasible is it that the Township of Southgate own their own Affordable-Attainable Housing. The CAO commented that the Township of Southgate currently does not have the means to take on that project, and that the County and the Municipality ensure that they are not duplicating the services being offered, and the CAO suggested the Committee work closer with the County and that the committee leans on the private sector and developers as well.

8. New/Unfinished Business

8.1 Committee Information Sharing Update

Staff reported on the process of information sharing for the Affordable-Attainable Housing Committee. Members are encouraged to email housing@southgate.ca to provide the recording secretary with any information they may find helpful or could be discussed. This information will be put on the next agenda as correspondence and Members can discuss it at the time of the meeting. After the meeting, the consent items will be uploaded onto the Township of Southgate website, [here](#).

8.2 Member Areas of Interest/Specialization Summary

Members discussed the areas of interest and specialization that they chose to work on at a previous Committee meeting. Members discussed possible ideas that the Township can explore that would help ensure that Affordable and/or Attainable development is a priority and that it could be included in any projects going forward.

The committee recessed at 7:52PM and returned at 7:55PM.

Member McNalty moved the following motion.

Moved By Gerry McNalty

Seconded By Councillor Sherson

Be it resolved that the Affordable-Attainable Housing Committee recommend that Council consider a method that would encourage a certain percentage of new development approved contain Affordable and/or Attainable Housing.

Carried

8.3 Social and Health Determinates Research

Member Morgan McCannell commented on her Social and Health Determinates Research that she provided to committee members on behalf of her areas of interest and specialization. Morgan commented on the link between the housing services offered and the barriers of living in rural communities, and then discussed the issues that are faced between the fast turnover of rental rates and discrimination that landlords take on tenants. Members discussed other resources that may be helpful for this area of interest.

9. Correspondence

None.

10. Next Meeting

January 25, 2022, at 7:00 PM, electronically.

11. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Sherson

Seconded By Muriel Scott

Be it resolved that the Committee adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Carried

Chair Martin Shipston

Recording Secretary Holly Malynyk