

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

BEAVERTON SUPPORTIVE HOUSING LIAISON COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 23rd, 2023

A regular meeting of the Beaverton Supportive Housing Liaison Committee was held on Wednesday August 23rd, 2023 at the Beaverton Town Hall and via Microsoft Teams.

Present: Brett Bloxam
George Hewitt
Ingrid Svelnis – virtual
Johanne St. Louis – virtual
John Grant
Karen Hakonson
Lianne Megarry
Todd Wilson, Durham Regional Police Services – virtual
Mike Brown, Durham Regional Police Services – virtual

Regrets: Courtney-Anne Croft
David Ellins
Taylor Malcolm
Mary Beddows

Staff

Present: Alan Robins, Director of Housing Services
Rachel Hirstwood-Judd, Adult Community Support Worker
Cindy McCreight, Administrative Assistant

1. ADOPTION OF MAY 17TH AND JUNE 13TH MINUTES

Moved by George Hewitt, That the Minutes of May 17th be adopted. Seconded by Brett Bloxam. Moved by Lianne Mcgarry That the Minutes of June 13th be adopted. Seconded by John Grant.

CARRIED

2. DISCUSSION:

A. DRPS (Durham Regional Police Service)– Inspector of North Division, Mike Brown and Patrol Services Leader, Todd Wilson

- Mike Brown and Todd Wilson attended the meeting virtually. Mike oversees the North Division, Todd is second in charge. They responded to questions from the committee.
- They confirmed that all DRPS officers receive annual mental health training.
- DRPS has a special mental health unit that travels in unmarked vehicles and the officer is accompanied by a certified nurse.

- Officers cross municipal boundaries to transport clients to the closest Level One hospital as required.
- The north division has minimum staffing, some officers only work in the north. If more officers are required in the south, then officers are called in for overtime they are not taken from the north.
- The staffing for the north division was recently increased by one member on each platoon. Increasing the number of officers increases visibility in the community.
- DRPS has a new Chief, Peter Moreira and he is very aware of this project.
- It was confirmed that there are always officers in the northern area, and they will be responsive to any complaints that arise.

B. Project Update

- The opening has been delayed due to the water damage from the storm. Our budget is not impacted by the water damage as it was a contractor deficiency.
- We anticipate a Q4 2023 opening with occupancy to be determined in consultation with the service provider and Durham staff. This will provide the Operator with time to familiarize the staff with the building and necessary protocols prior to people moving in.
- The Minutes of Settlement Agreement Section 8 (c)(i) notes that a certain portion of residents won't be coming from the BNL (By-Name-List) but that they would be at risk of homelessness and in need of supports. We are looking at partnering with our Family Services Division, Adult Protective Services to fill these spaces with their clients who are living in the community in less-than-ideal situations. These individuals would still be required to receive supports that would enable them to move to more independent living by the end of the program. We are seeking additional funding from the Province to have an APS (Adult Protective Services) worker onsite to support their specific needs.
- There were (4) submissions for the EOI (Expression of Interest) for the Support Service Operator. We are in final discussions with one provider and once the agreement is signed a joint announcement will be made.

C. Communication Plan – Open House

- A copy of the draft guest list was distributed. Ingrid will share the Brock Community Organization list, and everyone is to review the draft list and add any contact information they have (email/phone number). All changes should be sent to Cindy.McCreight@durham.ca.

3. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday October 16th at 5:00 PM.

4. MEETING ADJOURNED

Moved by Karen Hakonson, Seconded by John Grant, That the Meeting be Adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by _____

Alan Robins, Chair