

The Regional Municipality of Durham

**MINUTES**

**BEAVERTON SUPPORTIVE HOUSING LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Monday October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

A regular meeting of the Beaverton Supportive Housing Liaison Committee was held on Monday October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, via Microsoft Teams.

Present: Brett Bloxam  
David Ellins  
George Hewitt  
John Grant  
Mary Beddows  
Alex Cheng, Blue Door  
Leanne Everson, DRPS  
Michelle Willson, Township of Brock

Regrets: Karen Hakonson  
Lianne Megarry  
Rachel Hirstwood-Judd  
Taylor Malcolm

Staff Present: Erin Valant, Director of Housing Services  
Cindy McCreight, Administrative Assistant

**1. ADOPTION OF AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES**

Moved by David Ellins, That the Minutes of August 12<sup>th</sup> be adopted. Seconded by Mary Beddows.

CARRIED

**2. DISCUSSION:**

Move-ins

Erin and Alex provided updates on the move-in process. They are awaiting the final occupancy permit, expected soon. Move-ins will start approximately a week and a half after receiving the permit.

They confirmed that residents moving into Beaverton Heights are residents of North Durham. Both the By-Name List and community referrals were filtered for North Durham residents as well as North Durham residents who have had to relocate south to access services. It was recommended to highlight this when speaking to community groups.

Questions: David inquired about the number of residents in the first intake. Alex confirmed it would be phased in 10 residents at a time.

Announcements and Tours

There was a joint Federal-Provincial announcement earlier in October at Beaverton Heights. Several tours for members of Council, community partners,

etc. have also occurred. There has been interest in the transitional housing program, design of the building and modular construction. The group discussed benefits and current limitations of modular development.

#### Resident Engagement Sessions

Erin discussed plans for resident engagement sessions in the community hub space to gather input on activities and services. The timing will be adjusted based on the move-in schedule.

#### Virtual Walkthrough Video:

A virtual walkthrough video of Beaverton Heights has been filmed and will be released soon on durham.ca, along with a media release. Erin will share the link to the video with this committee once it is released.

#### Community Concerns

Concerns from some residents were raised about the new neighbors at Beaverton Heights and requirement for program participation. It was clarified that residents moving into Beaverton Heights must be actively participating in the Participation Agreement with Blue Door, Occupancy Agreement with the Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation (DRLHC) and follow the good neighbor policy.

Follow-Up: Erin offered to Mary that residents can contact her with any questions or concerns.

#### Police Involvement

Leanne answered questions and provided clarification regarding the role of the Durham Regional Police (DRPS) in supporting Beaverton Heights. She also advised that officers will regularly visit the site to build relationships with Blue Door staff and residents and to remind residents that DRPS vehicles may often be seen at Beaverton Heights for this positive purpose.

Action: Alex and Leanne will coordinate Blue Door staff attending DRPS parades to share information and build relationships.

### **3. Next Steps**

#### Future Meetings:

Erin suggested waiting for move-ins to complete before scheduling the next meeting. The group will be updated via email about the move-in schedule and resident engagement sessions for the community hub space. The future direction of this group will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- To be advised.

The meeting adjourned at 5:51PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by \_\_\_\_\_

Erin Valant, Chair