

Minutes
Council's Response Committee on Housing and Emergency Shelter (CRCHES)
Committee Meeting
March 12, 2025 – 9 am
Council Committee Meeting Room, City Hall

Attendees: Councillor Gord Klassen, Councillor Trevor Bolin, Councillor Sarah MacDougall (virtual), Milo MacDonald, Stephanie Peters, Amy Wong – BC Housing (virtual), Bonnie McCue (recording secretary)

1. Call To Order:

9:00 am

2. Approval of the Agenda:

The agenda was approved by consensus.

3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

The February 12, 2025 CRCHES meeting minutes were provided and will be included on the next Regular Council agenda.

5. Invited Guests/Presentations

Amy Wong, BC Housing

BC Housing offers various programs, including supportive housing models, which are in demand in Fort St. John. These programs provide capital funding for construction as well as ongoing operational funding to the selected operator.

BC Housing acts as the owner and developer of these housing projects. Non-profit operators are selected through a province-wide pre-qualification process.

The intake period for expressions of interest from potential operators has closed for current projects. While it is not yet confirmed, it is anticipated that there are local groups in the region who have applied as potential operators.

Concerns were noted regarding the accuracy of data being collected for the homelessness count in Fort St. John, particularly due to the early March timing and ongoing winter-like weather conditions.

Questions regarding the assessment and selection of operators are better directed to the Operations department of BC Housing.

Ms. Wong will inform the group when the pre-qualification list of potential operators is made publicly available. She will also provide updates on BC Housing programs to CRCHES as additional information becomes available.

4. Correspondence

Statistics provided were received.

6. Updates and Progress Reports:

- A report will be presented to Council to follow-up from the Committee Report presentation from the February 24 Committee of the Whole meeting.

7. Ongoing Discussion Items

None

8. New Business

None

9. Budget and Resource Planning

None

10. Action Items

- Finalise report to Council for March 24 meeting.

11. Adjournment

10:00 am