

Minutes
Council's Response Committee on Housing and Emergency Shelter (CRCHES)
Committee Meeting
April 8, 2026 – 9:30 am
Council Committee Meeting Room, City Hall

Attendees: Councillor Sarah MacDougall, Councillor Gord Klassen, Bonnie McCue, and Glennis Wunderlich (recording secretary)

1. Call To Order:

9:30 am

2. Approval of the Agenda:

The agenda was approved by consensus.

3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

The March 11, 2026 CRCHES meeting minutes were provided and will be included on the next Regular Council agenda.

4. Invited Guests/Presentations

None.

Interest was expressed in receiving an update on the Fort St. John Housing Solutions Initiative and inviting a representative of Connective to meet.

5. Updates and Progress Reports:

- Councillor Klassen – Met with staff of Alliance Church and learned they have a respectful rapport with neighbours. There have been few instances minor property damage and graffiti but, no cases of theft. The church has assembled a team of 12 individuals who focus on outreach. Response from Bylaw has improved and RCMP have quickly responded to support individuals in crisis.

6. Ongoing Discussion Items

UBCM Advocacy Planning:

- Identify specific housing types needed by the community,
- Research initiatives of other municipalities,
- Determine what is attainable, and
- Develop a concrete plan to present.

The Committee discussed topics arising from a conversation with a BC Housing representative.

7. New Business

None.

8. Budget and Resource Planning.

None.

9. Action Items

- Glennis:
 - Extend invitation to Connective representative.
 - Research for plan development.
- Bonnie:
 - Request to be updated on the new provincial plan once released to BC Housing.
 - Ask for an update on the Fort St. John Housing Solutions Initiative.
 - Connect with other municipalities on their initiatives/programs.

10. Adjournment

10:45 am