



COMMUNITY HOUSING COMMITTEE

May 1, 2017 9:00 a.m.

Town of Pincher Creek Council Chambers

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ATTENDANCE:      Chairman:      Mayor D. Anderberg

                         Members:      Councillor J. Litkowski; Councillor D. Thornton;

                         Staff:              L. Wilgosh, CAO  
                                              D. Green, FCSS  
                                              G. Kollee, Manager Legislative Services  
                                              H. Koshney, Admin Assistant

                         Regrets:          M. Loeffler, Crestview CAO & Lodge Manager

1.      **Call to Order**

Mayor D. Anderberg called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2.      **Agenda Approval**

**LITKOWSKI:**

Moved to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- 6a      Alberta Non-Profit Housing Conference 2017
- 6b      Establishment of Corporate Body

**CARRIED**

3.      **Approval of Minutes**

**THORNTON:**

Moved to accept the minutes from April 11, 2017 meeting as presented.

**CARRIED**

*L. Wilgosh joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m.*

4.      **Meeting with Minister of Seniors and Housing - Update**

Mayor D. Anderberg and Councillor D. Thornton met with Hon. Lori Sigurdson, Minister of Seniors and Housing in Calgary on April 28, 2017. Minister Sigurdson said she had already approved a housing authority for Pincher Creek and produced her letter outlining same. The letter was addressed to the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No.9 and the Town of Pincher Creek was not aware of it. Challenges with the Town of Pincher Creek having their own housing authority were discussed. Background information was provided regarding Alberta Rural Development Network (ARDN). Minister Sigurdson said she will take the matter back to her Department to work through and provide direction.

Other items discussed at the meeting included:

- Borrowing limits
- Loans
- ARDN
- Housing study
- Habitat for Humanity
- Housing First
- Lethbridge Aboriginal Housing Society

Mayor D. Anderberg noted that Minister Sigurdson was excited about the Habitat for Humanity project and she advised Habitat received 20 million dollars of government funding. Mayor D. Anderberg felt it was a positive meeting with good discussion. D. Green will forward the ARDN report 'An Innovative and Cost-Effective Approach To Building Affordable Housing in Rural Canada' to the Minister's office.

The Housing Committee discussed possible outcomes and looks forward to hopefully, receiving an answer soon.

**LITKOWSKI:**

Moved that the Community Housing Committee accept the meeting report as information.

**CARRIED**

**5. Habitat for Humanity Project**

Mayor D. Anderberg reported that the Elks Club held their meeting and met with several other service clubs including Rotary, Angels Among Us, Lions, Masons and the Legion. They reviewed the Habitat for Humanity program information and passed a motion to work with Habitat for Humanity in support of a project in Pincher Creek. These service clubs have already formed a formal group. The next step is to meet with Louise from Habitat for Humanity and get the chapter up and running.

**ANDERBERG:**

Moved that D. Green contact Louise Gagne, Habitat for Humanity and set up a meeting with the community groups.

**CARRIED**

**6. ARDN**

D. Green received a booklet from ARDN titled 'An Innovative and Cost-Effective Approach to Building Affordable Housing in Rural Canada' and forwarded this information to committee members.

**THORNTON:**

Moved that the Community Housing Committee has reviewed this booklet from ARDN and requests it be sent to the Minister of Seniors and Housing to provide deadline

information as requested by the Minister.

**CARRIED**

**6a. Alberta Non-Proft Housing Conference**

Mayor D. Anderberg provided information about this one day conference taking place in Red Deer on June 22, 2017. Members will consider if they want to attend.

**LITKOWSKI:**

Moved that the Community Housing Committee receive the Alberta Non-Profit Housing Conference registration as information.

**CARRIED**

**6b. Establishment of Corporate Body**

Councillor D. Thornton spoke about the formation of a corporate body/housing authority related to but not forming part of our municipality. It would have its own vision and mission statement. This separate organization could enter into commercial business. Several possibilities were discussed. Administration will do some research. The committee will wait for the decision from the Minister of Seniors and Housing for direction.

**7. Next Meeting**

To be announced.

**8. Adjournment**

**LITKOWSKI:**

Moved that this meeting of the Community Housing Committee on May 1, 2017 be hereby adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

**CARRIED**

Mayor, D. Anderberg

CAO, L. Wilgosh