

Lac La Biche County

Report

to Council

SUBJECT: Transitional Housing Task Force Membership

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: January 26, 2020

CONFIDENTIAL: No

Purpose:

This report is to recommend interested individuals to participate on the Transitional Housing Task Force. The names put forward are people representing the organizations or demographic listed in the approved Task Force Terms of Reference.

Proposed Motion:

That County Council appoint the individuals as recommended by Administration to participate on the Transitional Housing Task Force.

Options:

- Approve all the individuals identified in the list of recommended appointees.
- Approve some of the individuals identified in the list of recommended appointees.
- Direct Administration to find alternative organizations or demographic representation to those individuals identified.

Recommendation:

- That County Council appoint individuals as recommended by Administration to participate on the Transitional Housing Task Force.

Background:

- The Transitional Housing Task Force was developed in response to the homeless population of Lac La Biche County, borne out of the Housing Task Force established in 2016.
- The Task Force had community representation from agencies and organizations impacted and provided a detailed report and action plan with outcomes to help mitigate this social issue in our community.
- Lac La Biche County hired an Outreach Worker Homelessness in 2018 dedicated to this project.
- To date two housing and service needs surveys have been conducted: one in 2018 with 81 survey responses and another in 2020 with 114 survey responses.

- Work is on-going to establish a facility and program which includes wrap-around services to support people living in unstable housing toward wellness.
- This facility and program will be designed as a future independent body.
- Continuing community input is vital to ensure the program is appropriate, relevant, and responsive to both observed and requested needs of the target population.
- There has been on-going communication with Lakeland Out of the Elements Shelter Society's board chair and program coordinator.
- A Terms of Reference for the Task Force committee was approved by Council at the November 3, 2020 Regular Council meeting.
- All organizations have been contacted and an initial meeting will be set for mid-February.
- With the help of partner agencies, we are still seeking a suitable individual with lived experience.
- The following individuals have agreed to participate on the Transitional Housing Task Force and represent the areas identified within the approved Terms of Reference for the Task Force. Administration recommends the appointment of the following individuals to the Transitional Housing Task Force:
 - Skylar Harpe - Chair Lakeland Out of the Elements Shelter Society.
 - Melissa Green - Executive Director Hope Haven Society
 - Donna Webster- Executive Director Lac La Biche Canadian Native Friendship Centre
 - Dianne Veillette - Metis Nation Zone 1
 - Bev Moghrabi - Vice President, Student and College Services Portage College
 - Sgt Charles Brown - Acting Detachment Commander R.C.M.P.
 - Karen Miller - Delivery Supervisor for Alberta Works / Alberta Supports
 - Laura Kuley - Manager, North Zone Area 7, Addiction and Mental Health
 - Anita Polturak – FCSS Manager Lac La Biche County
- Administration is planning to have the Task Force bring back a plan for County Council to review by October, 2021.

Strategic Alignment:

Social Wellness: maintaining a high quality of life for our citizens.

Financial Implications:

Costs: **Hosting meetings, administrative supports**

Source of funding: **FCSS Budget**

Relevant Legislation, Policy or Practices:

Internal Impacts:

Administration will support the task force until the organization is established and the program operational.

Communication:

Administration will notify respective agencies of appointments or regrets as per Council's motion.

Attachments:

- Transitional Housing Project: Task Force terms of reference

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