

# DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

**Title:** Affordable Housing Working Group Membership  
**Date Prepared:** May 25, 2018  
**Report To:** Regular Meeting of Council  
**Councillor and Lead:** Hope Jamieson, Housing  
**Ward:** Not ward specific

**Decision/Direction Required:** Seeking approval of membership for the new Affordable Housing Working Group (AHWG) based on the recommendations by lead staff and the Office of the City Clerk.

## **Discussion – Background and Current Status:**

The AHWG was established to implement the City's 4-year Affordable Housing Business Plan which was completed at the end of 2017. The development of a new 10-year Affordable Housing Strategy has begun and the existing Affordable Housing Working Group was repurposed to develop and implement this new strategy.

Collaborating with the City Clerk's Office, the Terms of Reference for the AHWG were reviewed and revised to reflect this new purpose. Composition of the 8-person working group was amended to reflect the identified needs, as follows:

- Five organizations are asked to reappoint a representative, namely the Canadian Home Builders Association, Newfoundland and Labrador; Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; Newfoundland and Labrador Housing; End Homelessness St. John's; and the Provincial Government.
- For the three remaining openings, an application process occurred to select representatives from community sector organizations involved in housing solutions. Applications for these three openings was be open to all current AHWG members.

The vacancies were advertised and based on a review between lead staff and the Office of the City Clerk, the following community sector representatives have been identified

- Stella's Circle - Gail Thornhill
- Choices for Youth - Ayon Shahed
- St. John's Native Friendship Centre – Andrew Harvey

## **Key Considerations/Implications:**

1. Budget/Financial Implications - n/a

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2. Partners or Other Stakeholders
  - The City's New Affordable Housing Strategy will be built upon public and strategic stakeholder engagement, and the implementation will be guided and shaped by multi-stakeholder partnerships and processes. The above three community representatives will be key partners moving forward in supporting our affordable housing efforts and shaping our new strategy.
3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans
  - A Culture of Cooperation – Create effective City – community collaborations
  - Responsive and Progressive – Create a culture of engagement
  - Effective Organization – Develop a knowledgeable and engaged committee
4. Legal or Policy Implications – n/a
5. Engagement and Communications Considerations
  - Call for new members was sent out by Communications division and was advertised for one Month.
6. Human Resource Implications – n/a
7. Procurement Implications – n/a
8. Information Technology Implications – n/a
9. Other Implications – n/a

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the following representatives be appointed for a two-year period beginning May 28, 2018 in accordance with Section 3.1.1 of the Terms of Reference with the opportunity to renew for two more years as community sector members involved in Housing solutions:

1. Stella's Circle - Gail Thornhill
2. Choices for Youth - Ayon Shahed
3. St. John's Native Friendship Centre – Andrew Harvey

It is further recommended that Council approve the appointment of the five identified representatives/organizations noted below:

1. Canadian Homebuilders Association – Victoria Belbin
2. End Homelessness St. John's – Bruce Pearce
3. Canadian Mortgage Housing Corporation – Jill Snow
4. Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation – Madonna Walsh
5. Provincial Government – Aisling Gogan

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