



THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL
STRATEGIC HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Members Present:	G.S. Dhillon C. Fonseca A. Groves (Chair)	N. Iannicca M. Medeiros P. Vicente (Vice-Chair)
Members Absent:	G. Carlson	
Staff Present	J. Baker, Chief Administrative Officer K. Dedman, Commissioner of Public Works N. Polsinelli, Commissioner of Health Services J. Sheehy, Commissioner of Human Services P. Caza, Acting Regional Solicitor K. Lockyer, Regional Clerk and Director of Clerk's	A. Baird, Director, Housing Services S. Dickson, Director, Housing Development Office C. Thomson, Deputy Clerk and Manager of Legislative Services H. West, Committee Clerk S. Valleau, Legislative Specialist R. Khan, Legislative Technical Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Vicente, Committee Vic-Chair, called the Strategic Housing and Homelessness Committee meeting to order on October 7, 2021 at 9:08 a.m., in the Council Chambers, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive. Members of the Committee and staff participated electronically.

Other Councillors present: I. Sinclair

Councillor Carlson was absent due to other municipal business.

Councillor Dhillon arrived at 9:18 a.m.

Councillor Groves arrived at 9:29 a.m.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION SHHC-1-2021:

That the agenda for the October 7, 2021 Strategic Housing and Homelessness Committee meeting, be approved.

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Patrick Chouinard, Founder and Vice President, Element5 Limited Partnership

Providing Technical Information on Sustainable Mass Timber Construction Methods to Deliver Affordable Housing Under the Federal Rapid Housing Initiative

Received

Patrick Chouinard, Founder and Vice President, Element5 Limited Partnership, provided an overview of mass timber construction highlighting that the prefabricated modular construction is environmentally friendly, using less of a carbon footprint; the buildings have a positive bio spheric impact as natural elements are used; the buildings will last for over 100 years; the construction labour workforce required is less thereby reducing costs; and, the construction time is faster with more flexibility in altering design layouts. He provided examples of projects that have been constructed including a multi residential affordable housing project in Kitchener.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Vicente regarding the savings achieved by using mass timber construction, Patrick Chouinard stated that generally construction costs will save five to eight per cent versus traditional construction methods and that the completion of buildings is 20 to 25 per cent quicker.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Housing Development Office - Annual Update 2021

Presentation by Steven Dickson, Director, Housing Development Office

Received

Steven Dickson, Director, Housing Development Office, provided an overview of the Housing Development Office, achievements, challenges, opportunities and the 2022 priorities; progress made with the Housing Master Plan; core principles that support sustainable housing with continuous improvement to building design and practices; funding streams and allocation breakdowns, noting the gap of \$319.6M that must be met prior to 2028 to guarantee the federal government funding stream; the risks of not meeting the funding envelope and potential solutions including further advocacy to the federal and provincial governments; an update on the Incentives Pilot Program; and, next steps.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Medeiros regarding the percentage of non-Peel residents that secure affordable housing in Peel Region, Janice Sheehy, Commissioner of Human Services, stated that this data will be included in 2022 Budget presentations.

Councillor Fonseca referenced a half day housing forum that was held with stakeholders several years ago and inquired if another similar forum could be held. Janice Sheehy responded that she would follow up with Councillor Fonseca to discuss the past forum and the potential for a future forum.

Councillor Groves noted the upcoming provincial election will be held in June 2022 and asked that there be increased and immediate advocacy to local MPP's regarding housing funding and policies. Keith Medenblik, Manager, Strategic Public Policy and External Relations stated that staff are scheduling a briefing session with Members of the Government Relations Committee and area MPP's indicating that further advocacy strategies regarding housing issues can be raised at this time.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

8. IN CAMERA

Nil.

9. NEXT MEETING

April 21, 2022
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Council Chambers, 5th Floor
Regional Administrative Headquarters
10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A
Brampton, Ontario

Please forward regrets to Helena West, Committee Clerk, at helena.west@peelregion.ca.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.