Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – February 15, 2012

REPORTS

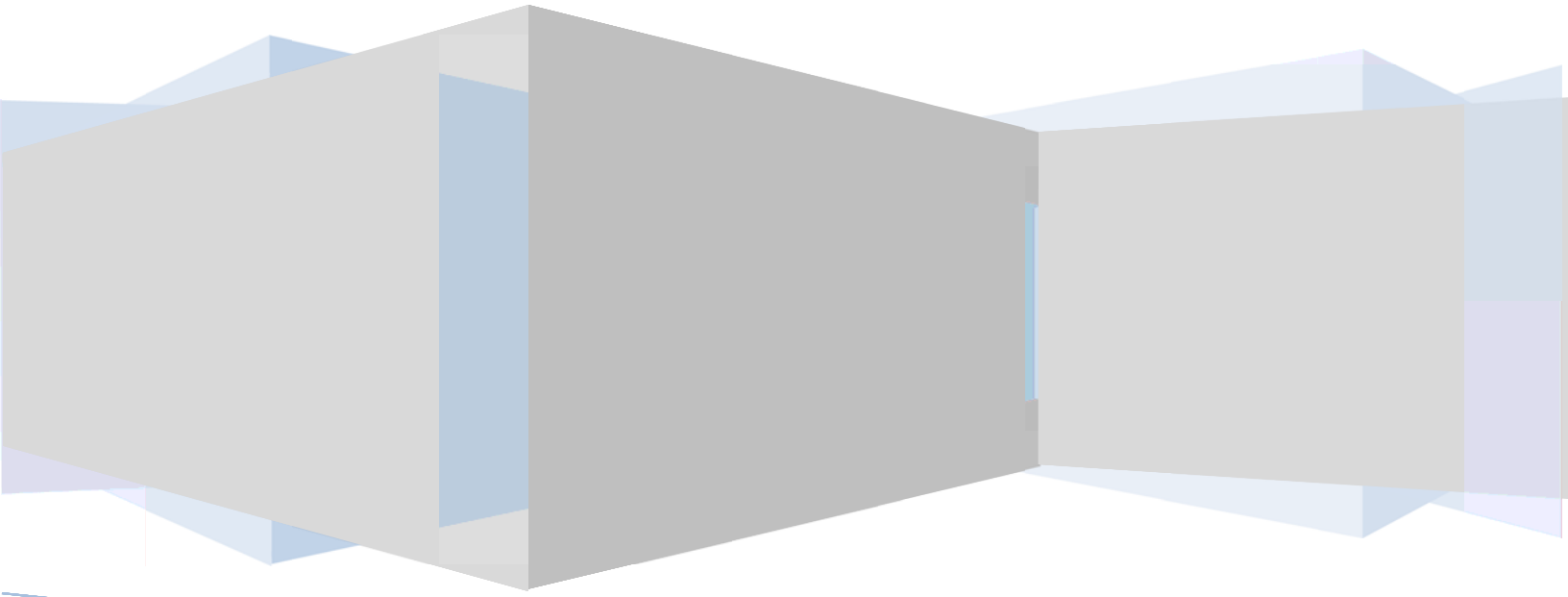
Item No. 3 Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee – 2012 First Quarter Report

The Chairperson of the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee submits the 2012 First Quarter Report to the Executive Policy Committee.

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Councillor Gerbasi was appointed Chair of the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee at the November 2nd Organizational Meeting of Council. Councillor Dan Vandal and Mike Pagtakhan were appointed as WHSC members.

EVENTS

National Housing Day Event organized by CMHC -November 22nd Councillor Gerbasi attended and brought greetings on behalf of the City of Winnipeg

West Broadway Housing Stakeholders Meeting December 6th – Councillor Gerbasi attended and gave a presentation.

MEETINGS WITH HOUSING STAKEHOLDERS

The Chair held a number of networking/ information sharing meetings with housing stakeholders including the following:

- Stefano Grande of DT BIZ, Nov 26th
- Ross McGowan, CentreVenture Nov 24th
- Linda Ring Canadian Housing and Renewal Association, December 8th, 2011
- Menno Peters, WHRC – December 8th, 2011
- Right to Housing Coalition, Clark Brownlee and Nancy Testar – January 19th, 2011

WINNIPEG HOUSING STEERING COMMITTEE JANUARY 16TH, 2012 MEETING

- A large number of community housing stakeholders were in attendance to observe the meeting.

- A power point presentation from the Housing Development Branch was given outlining some of the work done to date and discussing housing issues in the context of the OurWinnipeg– an overview of the work of the Housing Development Division.

- A motion was approved unanimously by the committee as follows:

  WHEREAS the Call to Action for OurWinnipeg stresses development of diverse, safe and affordable housing in neighbourhoods throughout the city;

  AND WHEREAS OurWinnipeg identifies housing as a cornerstone of healthy communities and of a strong city, and as a basic need that is central to our quality of life;

  AND WHEREAS both the Call to Action and OurWinnipeg identify a need to establish partnerships with other levels of government to create affordable housing in Winnipeg;

  AND WHEREAS the mandate of the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee includes the statement, “That the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee be delegated the authority to work with the Federal and Provincial governments, and representatives of the private and non- profit sectors, to develop the policy framework for a tri-level affordable housing strategy: the “strategy”) for Winnipeg, which Strategy and any funding related thereto shall be subject to Council approval”;

  THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee together with the Winnipeg Public Service undertake public consultation with other levels of government and community stakeholders, focusing on best practices and potential new revenue/funding mechanisms for the purpose of drafting a new affordable housing policy for review and approval by Council.

  BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service issue a Request for Proposals to cover the cost of consultant support for the public consultation and policy development and to be funded from unallocated funds in the Housing Rehabilitation Investment Reserve

- Meeting dates for the year were approved on a bimonthly schedule as follows:

  March 19
  May 14
  July 16
  September 17
  November 19