



MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON UNSHELTERED COMMUNITY MEMBERS M I N U T E S

**Thursday, April 4, 2024, 12:00 p.m.
Shadbolt Centre for the Arts, Studio 102**

PRESENT:

Councillor Maita Santiago, Chair
Mayor Mike Hurley, Vice Chair
Councillor Daniel Tetrault
Julie Astley, MP Terry Beech's Office Representative
Jalen Bachra, MP Jagmeet Singh's Office Representative
Walid Chahine, Fraser Health Authority Representative
Carol-Ann Flanagan, Society to End Homelessness Representative
Graham de la Gorgendiere, OIC, Burnaby RCMP
Ernie Kashima, Burnaby Schools Representative
Barb Kalashnikov, WCG Services Representative
Inspector Peri Mainwaring, Burnaby RCMP Representative
Scott Stewart, New Chelsea Society Representative
Jaye Treit, Progressive Housing Representative
Kelly Vidas, Fraser Health Authority Representative
Tsitsi Watt, BC Housing Representative
Shayne Williams, Lookout Housing and Health Society Representative

REGRETS:

Georgia Bekiou, Burnaby Division of Family Practice Representative
Ryan Erwin, MLA Anne Kang's Office Representative
Doris Mah, MP Peter Julian's Office Representative

STAFF:

Dave Critchley, General Manager Community Safety
Lee-Ann Garnett, Deputy General Manager Planning & Development
Steve Bruneau, Director Parks
Dan Layng, Chief Licence Inspector
Justin Sekiguchi, Manager Intervention Support
Margaret Manifold, Senior Social Planner
Kai Okazaki, Social Planner
Denise Chak, Administrative Officer 1

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Santiago called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WELCOME**

The Chair, Councillor Santiago, recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hən̓q̓əmi̓ñəm and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this territory.

Chair Santiago delivered the following welcome message:

"Welcome back everyone. We have reached our seventh and final Task Force meeting.

As chair, I want to thank each of you for your participation and contributions to this Task Force. Over the past 10 months, we have worked together to identify Burnaby's urgent actions to address homelessness for our unsheltered community members.

Since we last met in February, your organizations have all had the chance to provide feedback and identify your potential contributions and roles in implementing the draft recommendations.

Our staff and consulting team have taken your input and have provided us with a draft report.

Today, we will be going over the final draft recommendations in each of the focus areas.

With that, we'll move to adopting today's agenda and the minutes from the last meeting."

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

3.1 **Mayor's Task Force on Unsheltered Community Members Agenda for April 4, 2024**

THAT the agenda for the Mayor's Task Force on Unsheltered Community Members meeting of April 4, 2024 be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

4.1 **Minutes of the Mayor's Task Force on Unsheltered Community Members meeting held on February 22, 2024**

THAT the minutes of the Mayor's Task Force on Unsheltered Community Members meeting held on February 22, 2024, be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. REVIEW TASK FORCE AGENDA

Diana Bulley, Facilitator, provided an overview of the meeting agenda.

6. PRESENTATION

Diana Bulley, Facilitator, provided an overview of the draft Task Force recommendations.

7. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

A discussion on the draft Task Force recommendations was facilitated by Diana Bulley.

8. NEXT STEPS

Diana Bulley advised that staff will complete the final sections of the report and present it to Council in June 2024. The report will ask Council to approve the recommendations of the Task Force and the implementation of the actions identified with an immediate start.

THAT the "Mayor's Task Force on Unsheltered Community Members – Final Report" and recommendations therein be approved; and

THAT staff be authorized to implement the actions identified in the report for an immediate start.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Hurley delivered the following closing remarks:

I would also like to take this time to thank each and every one of you for your participation and contribution to this Task Force.

As a community, we have come together at a critical point to address homelessness for our unsheltered community members.

We have drafted great recommendations together. However, as a City, we cannot do this alone. I know that we will need our community partners, like yourselves, to be a part of the solution.

Throughout this Task Force, your organization has had the opportunity to collaborate as well as identify roles in the recommendations. For us to be successful, we must take responsibility for these recommendations and be accountable so that we will get this work done as a community.

I hope that the City can count on your organization to make this work happen. With that, I'll hand it back over to Councillor Santiago to adjourn the meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent and without objection, the meeting adjourned 1:32 p.m.

Councillor Maita Santiago
CHAIR

Denise Chak
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER