

**MINUTES OF THE  
HOUSING AFFORDABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE ROOM 2  
SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL, 770 VERNON AVENUE  
Monday, June 19, 2023, at 2 p.m.**

Present: Chair: Mayor Dean Murdock  
Members: Councillors de Vries, Westhaver and Brownoff, C. Pringle, S. Dutchak, P. Lancaster  
Staff Members: Amber Walker, Community Planner; Lindsay Chase, Director of Planning; Pam Hartling, Housing Planning and Policy Manager; Sydney Murphy, Committee Secretary

**MINUTES FOR ADOPTION**

**MOVED by Councillor Westhaver and Seconded by Councillor de Vries: “That the minutes of the Housing Affordability Committee meeting of May 12, 2023, be adopted as circulated.”**

**CARRIED**

**DRAFT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN**

A PowerPoint from the Community Planner was presented. This presentation provided information on the strategic OCP update and Phase 2 engagement and the following was noted:

- There are four strategic land use directions being: Maintain the Urban Containment Boundary, accommodate most new development in primary growth areas, expand housing diversity in neighborhoods and to make Saanich a 15-minute community.
- The project scope is to update OCP to incorporate recent Council work, integrate new demographics data, update land use framework, refine sustainability framework and strengthen monitoring and implementation.

The Committee noted that determining how tightly we are describing density and looking at changing our policies. It was suggested to build off our strength and expand off the corridors and densify by inputting more mixed zoning with housing and commercial amenities. It was mentioned there is a lack of policy support for demographic data coming out. Staff will review the recommendations from the Committee.

**MOVED by Councillor de Vries and Seconded by Councillor Westhaver: “That it be recommended that the Housing Affordability Standing Committee request Council to direct staff to add “promote intergenerational equity” as a housing objective in the Saanich OCP Draft Plan.”**

**CARRIED**

On the motion from Councillor de Vries the meeting adjourned at 3:34 P.M.

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Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary