

Terms of Reference

Housing Affordability Task Force

1. Purpose

To provide recommendations to Victoria City Council on innovative housing policy solutions, including measures within municipal jurisdiction, that will increase the supply of new units of low-cost housing, defined as a unit that a person earning minimum wage or receiving a pension can afford to live in.

2. Composition

The task force will be comprised of:

- the Mayor, serving as Chair;
- two additional members of Council;
- two representatives of the Urban Development Institute;
- two representatives of the Together Against Poverty Society;
- two representatives of the Community Social Planning Council;
- one person with lived experience of difficulty finding affordable housing in Victoria;
- eight additional members with expertise in planning, architecture, real-estate development, and housing policy.

Staff in the Sustainable Planning and Community Development and Legislative Services departments will act as a resource to support the work of the task force.

3. Timeline

The task force will meet at the call of the chair, engage the public and stakeholder groups as appropriate to develop recommendations, and provide recommendations to Victoria City Council by June 30, 2015