

# Village of Hines Creek Council Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	May 8, 2018
Originated By:	Leanne Walmsley, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	Reports – North Peace Housing 2018 Board of Directors Retreat Synopsis
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## BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Attached is the 2018 Board of Directors Retreat Synopsis for Council's review.

## DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

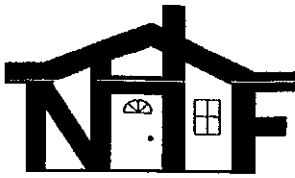
## COSTS/SOURCE OF FUNDING (if applicable)

## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That Council receive the 2018 Board of Directors Retreat Synopsis report as information.

Initials show support- Reviewed by:	Manager:	C.A.O. <i>lw</i>
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## **North Peace Housing Foundation**

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### **MEMORANDUM**

To: Member Municipalities  
North Peace Housing Foundation

Date: April 23, 2018

From: Sandra Eastman  
Chairperson

Subject: 2018 Board of Directors Retreat Synopsis

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The Board of Directors held their annual planning retreat on April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, and we wish to share some of the important highlights and discussion points that will drive the strategic business plan going forward.

We reviewed our strategic direction, evaluated the opportunities and challenges we have in serving the vast region of the North Peace Housing Foundation, and made a renewed commitment to the mission of the organization as we complete the 2019 – 2023 North Peace Housing Foundation Business Plan.

I have attached a synopsis of the weekend discussions, which demonstrate our efforts towards improving both our governance and communications protocols in the hopes of a new and improved relationship with our municipal partners.

We look forward to a better future after what was a very difficult year.

Further details regarding the North Peace Housing Foundation and its plans will be posted on the website at [www.northpeacehousing.ca](http://www.northpeacehousing.ca)

Yours truly,

Sandra Eastman, Chairperson  
North Peace Housing Foundation

## 2018 North Peace Housing Foundation Planning Retreat

The Board of Directors held their annual planning retreat on April 20 – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at the Sawridge Inn Conference Centre. The key messages that came out of the day and a half retreat are as follows:

- The Board of Directors hosted a stakeholder engagement session with our municipally-elected officials and chief administrative officers, where representatives from the Province of Alberta outlined the legislation establishing Housing Management Bodies and the context in which they operate in relation to the municipalities.
- The Board of Directors continued the conversation along with senior staff to review its strategic direction to inform and update the North Peace Housing Foundation Strategic Business Plan which will be finalized in June for submission to the Alberta Government.
- The Board of Directors is very sensitive to all factors relating to the April 30<sup>th</sup> closure of the Autumn Lodge in Berwyn. The future of the building and the site will be explored by a special committee of the Board.
- The Board of Directors reaffirmed its commitment & responsibility to deliver quality, affordable and supportive housing in healthy safe and inclusive communities within the North Peace Housing Foundation Region.
- The Board of Directors recognized the need to enhance communications and transparency to improve the information available within our communities.
- The Board of Directors will be focusing its efforts on strengthening its governance role for North Peace Housing Foundation.
- The Board of Directors will continue planning for the current and future non-market housing needs within the Region including:
  - Seniors Housing - Recognizing the changing dynamics of Seniors Supportive living in the region, acknowledging that we must adjust and redevelop our portfolio to meet the changing needs and expectations of our clients, by the following:
    - Harvest Lodge expansion
    - Del-Air reconfiguration
    - Continuing to explore the opportunities surrounding Stone Brook in Grimshaw.
  - Family/Social Housing - Aligning with the Alberta Affordable Housing Strategy, the Foundation must review and redevelop our portfolio and support services to match the needs of our families in the region, by:
    - continuing the process of social housing suite upgrades and securing additional funding to do so;
    - securing wrap-around services to support our tenancies.
  - Financial support for Households in Need - Assisting lower income households to improve housing affordability (Rent Supplements).
- Board Members, with the support of their municipal councils, will continue to advocate for:
  - the provision of consistent Home Care services throughout the Region;
  - the disposal of chronically-vacant Single family homes and reinvestment in the redevelopment of our social housing portfolio;
  - the establishment of consistent, transparent and on-going evaluation of the allocation of rent supplement funding by the province to its delivery agents;
  - an increase in Capital funding to support the Foundation's initiatives.