

TOWN OF CANMORE

AGENDA

Special Meeting of Council

Council Chambers at the Civic Centre, 902 – 7 Avenue

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Agenda for the September 19, 2023 Special Meeting of Council

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS – none

C. DELEGATIONS – none

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – none

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – none

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Livability Tax Policy Task Force Public Member Appointments

Recommendation: That Council appoint the following public members to the Livability Tax Policy Task Force:

- a) ___ representing Tourism Canmore Kananaskis,
- b) ___ representing a local developer of tourist/visitor properties,
- c) ___ representing the Canmore real estate industry,
- d) ___ representing a Canmore rental/property management company managing both short-term and long-term rentals, and
- e) ___ representing Canmore Community Housing.

G. BYLAW APPROVAL – none

H. NEW BUSINESS – none

I. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION – none

J. NOTICES OF MOTION – none

K. IN CAMERA

1. Livability Tax Policy Task Force Public Member Appointments

Recommendation: that Council take the meeting in camera to prevent disclosure of personal information in accordance with s.17(4)(g) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

L. ADJOURNMENT

After In
Camera



Request for Decision

DATE OF MEETING: September 19, 2023 **Agenda #:** F-1

TO: Council

SUBJECT: Livability Tax Policy Task Force Appointments

SUBMITTED BY: Therese Rogers, GM Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION: That Council appoint the following public members to the Livability Tax Policy Task Force:

- a) ___representing Tourism Canmore Kananaskis;
- b) ___representing a local developer of tourist homes;
- c) ___representing the Canmore real estate industry;
- d) ___representing a Canmore rental/property management company managing both short-term and long-term rentals and
- e) ___representing Canmore Community Housing.

2) That Council rename the Task Force to the Livability Task Force.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is being asked to appoint members to the Livability Tax Policy Task Force.

RELEVANT COUNCIL DIRECTION, POLICY, OR BYLAWS

Council approved the terms of reference for the Livability Tax Policy Task Force on September 5, 2023.

DISCUSSION

To accommodate an accelerated schedule for the work of this task force, Council is presented with 2-3 options for members representing each category. Names have been provided to council separately and will be kept in confidence to protect the personal information of the applicants from disclosure. It is recommended that Council take the meeting in camera if there is any possibility the personal information of applicants will be discussed during the selection process.

For clarification, this task force's work is focused on Livability and positively impacting Canmore's housing crisis. It does not have the same focus as the 2013 Property Tax Task Force. While some of the task force's recommendations may include changes to property tax, that is not this taskforce's purpose. The task force has three primary objectives and will complete their input in three phases:

Phase 1: Develop a Plan to Phase Out the Tourist Home Designation

Phase 2: Investigate tax options to incentivize long-term occupancy of residential units, and

Phase 3: Investigate tax options to incentivize purpose-built rental accommodation.

An update to the work completed by the original Property Tax Task Force is planned in 2024, after the Livability Tax Policy Task Force work is complete. It will be focused on updating the 2013 report that reviews and analyzes the property tax status of the Town of relative to neighbours and competitors and will develop proposed policy statements/recommendations. To help mitigate this confusion, administration recommends renaming the task force to the Livability Task Force.

ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

On June 6, 2023, Council approved a new capital project (motion 123-2023) for \$200,000 for consulting and legal fees to support bylaw and policy initiatives to positively impact housing affordability and supply, to be funded \$50,000 from the General Capital Reserve and \$150,000 from the Development Application Reserve. Costs associated with the task force will be covered by this approved budget.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

A robust communications and public participation plan has been developed for the implementation of the Housing Accelerator Fund Action Plan. Engagement planning for the “new” actions in the plan aligns with the Public Participation Policy and involves a mix of information sharing and the opportunity for members of the task force to help shape the initiatives.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Livability Tax Policy Task Force Public Member Options (provided to Council only to protect the personal information of candidates in accordance with s.17(4)(g) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

AUTHORIZATION

Submitted by:	Therese Rogers General Manager of Corporate Services	Date: <u>September 6, 2023</u>
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Approved by:	Sally Caudill Chief Administrative Officer	Date: <u>September 8, 2023</u>
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