

## **AGENDA**

### **MAYOR'S STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND SUPPLY**

Monday, January 6, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.  
Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **New Business**
  1. Briefing from the Sr. Manager of CRD Regional Housing on the UBCM's Housing Needs Assessment – Stakeholder Engagement
  2. Discussion about the objectives, timing, and process to develop a Saanich Housing Strategy (attachment)
  3. Update by Director of Planning on Increasing Housing Supply – Recent or Pending Actions
  4. Verbal update by the Director of Planning on the Urban Development Institute's December 3, 2019 Lunch: Exploring the Uncharted Territory of Residential Rental Tenure Zoning
4. **Next Meeting – TBD**
5. **Adjournment**



## The Corporation of the District of Saanich

# Memo

**To:** The Saanich Housing Affordability & Supply Committee  
**From:** Rebecca Mersereau, Councillor  
**Date:** October 15, 2019  
**Subject:** A Saanich Housing Strategy: Discussion questions & possible resources

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### PURPOSE

To help facilitate a discussion by the Committee about a Saanich Housing Strategy.

### BACKGROUND

Some members of Council and this Committee have expressed interest in a Saanich Housing Strategy. Many municipalities comparable in size to Saanich have already developed housing strategies that can provide useful templates and lessons (see the resources selection below for notable examples). Given the prominence of housing challenges in the statistically significant survey undertaken of residents and businesses early in 2019, and the priority this Council has placed on housing, it is likely that a broad range of regulatory and policy actions will be pursued in the coming years to improve the affordability and supply of housing. Developing a Saanich-focused housing strategy provides an opportunity to collate, coordinate, and prioritize those actions to ensure the public and stakeholders have opportunities to be engaged in the process, and to ensure that the actions implemented will have meaningful impacts on housing needs.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

#### 1. What would the objectives of a Saanich Housing Strategy be?

*Note for consideration: a cursory review of other strategies suggests they mainly do 2 things: #1) describe housing needs and #2) identify actions to address housing needs. #1 will be covered off by the Housing Gaps & Needs Assessment being undertaken by the CRD on behalf of Saanich over the next year (pending a requested grant). #2 will partially be covered off by the third-party review of current planning services recently approved.*

2. **What is the best approach to develop it?** (E.g. internal (led by staff), a task force of appointed community members & stakeholders, a qualified third party, the Housing Affordability & Supply Committee with support from staff)

3. **What is a reasonable timeframe to develop it?** (Consider the timing of dependent projects like the housing gaps & needs assessment)

4. **What would be the next steps to move it forward?**

**RESOURCES THAT MAY BE USEFUL**

1. **BC Government Development Approvals Process Review** (released Sept. 2019; a summation of ideas received from stakeholders on what local governments and the Province can do to support more efficient development approval processes): [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/local-governments/planning-land-use/dapr\\_2019\\_report.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/local-governments/planning-land-use/dapr_2019_report.pdf)
2. **CRD Regional Housing Affordability Strategy** (identifies region-wide housing objectives & goals (for CRD/province/municipal implementation) that align with the new Regional Growth Strategy; quite high level but includes useful information on the current situation & targets of housing by income types): [https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/crd-document-library/plans-reports/housing/2234-rhas\\_v20\\_pgs\\_sml.pdf?sfvrsn=61711cca\\_10](https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/crd-document-library/plans-reports/housing/2234-rhas_v20_pgs_sml.pdf?sfvrsn=61711cca_10)
3. **City of Burnaby's Community Housing Taskforce & Strategy** (the strategy resulted from recommendations of the Mayor's Taskforce on Community Housing, which was convened for a 6 month period after the 2018 election. The Taskforce worked with Simon Fraser University's Centre for Dialogue to ensure the public engagement techniques resulted in representative (and unprecedented) input from community members.): [https://www.burnaby.ca/About-Burnaby/News-and-Media/Newsroom/City-Launches-Housing-Strategy-to-Activate-Task-Force-Recommendations\\_s2\\_p7023.html](https://www.burnaby.ca/About-Burnaby/News-and-Media/Newsroom/City-Launches-Housing-Strategy-to-Activate-Task-Force-Recommendations_s2_p7023.html)  
  
See also the Centre for Dialogue Public Engagement Toolkit for more information about the engagement techniques used: [https://www.sfu.ca/content/dam/sfu/centre-for-dialogue/PDF/SFU\\_CFD\\_City-of-New-West-Public-Engagement\\_Toolkit\\_Web.pdf](https://www.sfu.ca/content/dam/sfu/centre-for-dialogue/PDF/SFU_CFD_City-of-New-West-Public-Engagement_Toolkit_Web.pdf)
4. **City of Victoria Affordable Housing Strategy – Phase 2 (2019-2024)** (the basis of the strategy is recommendations of the Mayor's 2015 Taskforce on Housing Affordability that were approved by Council; it was updated for alignment with this Council's Strategic Plan): [https://www.victoria.ca/assets/Departments/Planning~Development/Community~Planning/Housing~Strategy/The%20Victoria%20Housing%20Strategy\\_Phase%20Two-revised-Aug7-Amanda-WEB.pdf](https://www.victoria.ca/assets/Departments/Planning~Development/Community~Planning/Housing~Strategy/The%20Victoria%20Housing%20Strategy_Phase%20Two-revised-Aug7-Amanda-WEB.pdf)
5. **Capital Region 2015 Housing Data Book & Gap Analysis** (this is the most current & relevant source of info on housing needs until the new Saanich-focused assessment is developed in 2020 by the CRD on behalf of Saanich): <https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/regional-planning-pdf/capital-region-housing-data-book-and-gap-analysis-2015.pdf>
6. **Saanich's 2013 Population Projections, Trend, & Capacity Build-out Analysis Report** (this report is the basis for Saanich's current population projections & planning): [https://www.saanich.ca/assets/Community/Documents/FINAL%20REPORT\\_Sept%2030%202013.pdf](https://www.saanich.ca/assets/Community/Documents/FINAL%20REPORT_Sept%2030%202013.pdf)

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