



Governance & Services Committee

TO: Governance and Services Committee

FROM: Todd Cashin, Director of Community Services

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SUBJECT: Regional Housing Strategy Workshop

Further to the staff update regarding the Regional Housing Strategy project at the Governance and Services meeting on Nov 4th, 2021, this facilitated workshop is intended to inform the development of the Regional Housing Strategy.

Background:

The [Regional Housing Needs Assessment](#) is a baseline report that demonstrates the housing situation and anticipated housing needs located across the housing continuum and throughout the region. This project was undertaken due to the growing concern of affordability across the Central Okanagan and to better understand local issues. With the larger regional situation defined, this can support a coordinated and consistent response toward regional housing goals. The Regional Housing Needs Assessment was completed to:

- Outline where housing gaps exist for Central Okanagan communities;
- Outline how individual member communities housing markets affect the regional housing market;
- Provide consideration of housing supply and demand parallel to the coordination of the Regional Transportation Plan; and
- Assess needs related to the supply of housing and meet data collection requirements.

In advance of Thursday's workshop to elaborate on the RGS goal of *Our Housing* and setting regional priorities to inform the development of the Regional Housing Strategy, here are a few questions for Regional Board members to consider:

- What does project success look like both in your community and the region?
- How do you think this plan can best foster regional collaboration and support municipal goals?
- What are your top three priorities for the Regional Housing Strategy?
- With a regional lens, what are the barriers to success?
- Due to the current realities and emerging housing trends, what should the RDCO's role be as it relates to the provision of housing?

Additional Background Documents include:

Government of Canada's 2018 National Housing Strategy

<https://www.placetocallhome.ca/>

Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) 2018 Housing Strategy

<https://www.ubcm.ca/policy-areas/housing-0>

Opening Doors – Final report of the Canada British Columbia Expert Panel on the Future of Housing Supply and Affordability

https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/121/2021/06/Opening-Doors_BC-Expert-Panel_Final-Report_Jun16.pdf

City of Kelowna's Healthy Housing Strategy

https://www.kelowna.ca/sites/files/1/docs/logos/healthy_housing_strategy_final_reduced_size.pdf

2011 Westbank First Nation Housing Strategy

https://www.wfn.ca/docs/2011-11-15_wfn_housing_strategy_2011.pdf

District of Lake Country 2018 Housing Needs Assessment

<https://lakecountry.civicweb.net/document/84532>

For your information, the slides that will be presented at the workshop are included in the agenda package.

Respectfully Submitted:



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