

## **COUNCIL REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Administration

**Date:** June 18, 2025

**Subject:** Housing Needs – “What We Heard Report”

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council receives this report for information.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In April, the District contracted L&M Engineering to conduct a review and update to the District’s interim housing needs report and subsequent Official Community Plan Bylaw amendment.

In addition to data analysis, similar to the last housing needs assessment in 2019, L&M Engineering and District staff conducted a series of 17 interviews with community partners, employers, and the real estate industry. Additionally, this time a public survey was conducted from May 20<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup> to gather general feedback from residents about housing in the community. 47 responses were received.

Attached is a “What We Heard” Report based on the interview responses and survey. This document will be made available to the public on the Let’s Chat Mackenzie project page.

### **NEXT STEPS:**

There was an error in the initial timeline presented to Council. The Housing Needs Report based on this survey and interview data will be finalized to share with Council and the community at the July 28, 2025 Regular Council Meeting. A copy of the updated project timelines has been attached.

Phase 2 of the Project, which is incorporating housing needs data and community input into an Official Community Plan Bylaw amendment, will kick off with an Open House on June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Mackenzie Recreation Centre. A public survey and a business survey will also go live that day and will run until July 11, 2025. A copy of the poster has been attached.



Following the Open House, survey, and completion of the Housing Needs Report, L&M will be preparing the draft bylaw amendments for Council and the community's consideration and feedback.

Project is currently on track to complete by original deadline of November 2025.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

This project is being fully funded by the Province of BC.

**COUNCIL PRIORITIES:**

**Strong Governance and Finances**

- As the municipality's elected governing body, we serve all residents and businesses in the community. We engage residents and stakeholders on important issues and make our decisions through open and transparent processes. We are careful in our use of resources, mindful of the need to maintain programs and services, while also meeting the community's infrastructure needs.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services

**Reviewed By:** Corporate and Financial Services

**Approved By:** Chief Administrative Officer