

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Administration

Date: August 6, 2025

Subject: 2025 Housing Needs Report and OCP Engagement “What We Learned” Report

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 housing needs report and a 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 interviews with community partners, employers, and the real estate industry. Further, this time a public survey was conducted from May 20th through June 8th to gather general feedback from residents about housing in the community.

The “What We Heard” Report based on the interview responses and survey was received by Council at the June 23, 2025 Regular Meeting and was made available to the public on the Let’s Chat Mackenzie project page.

The 2025 Housing Needs Report, based on the research and public engagement, has now been completed and is attached for Council’s information. Appendix B has been included in the Centre Table File, but will be included as the final published document once approved. It is a copy of the What We Heard Report already shared with Council.

PHASE 3: Current

Phase 3 of the Project, which is incorporating housing needs data and community input into an Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw amendment, kicked off with an Open House held on June 24th at the Mackenzie Recreation Centre along with resident and business surveys open until July 13, 2025 and a workshop with the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee.



A "What We Learned" report (attached) has been prepared based on the public engagement that took place in June and July.

L&M Engineering are now preparing the draft OCP bylaw amendments for Council and the community's consideration and feedback.

NEXT STEPS:

Once complete, the draft OCP bylaw amendment will be presented to Council and the community and a second round of community engagement will take place in September to confirm the changes are reflective of the research and community feedback received. The project is still on track for completion in November 2025. A copy of the project timeline is attached.

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:

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