

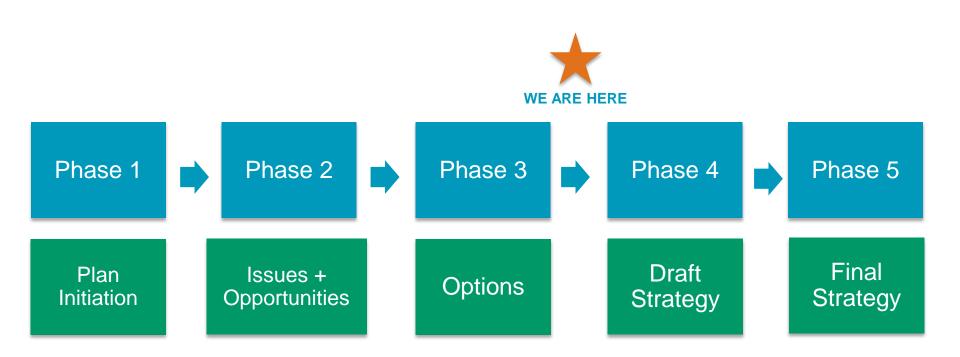


## Affordable Housing Strategy CPD Committee Update May 15, 2018



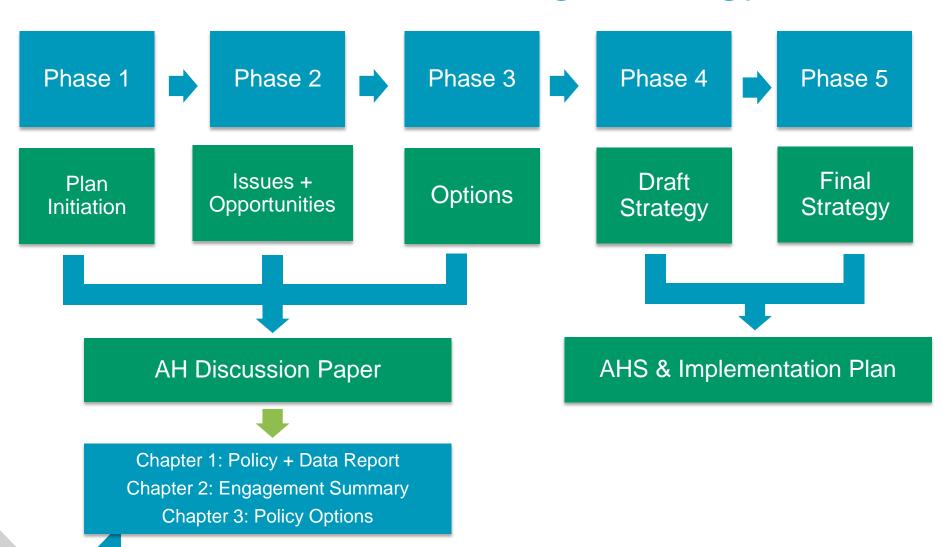


### The Strategy Process





### Affordable Housing Strategy



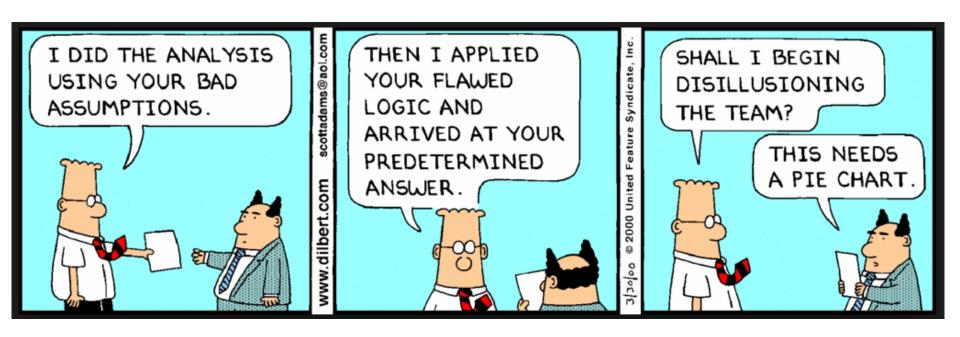




## Policy & Data Review

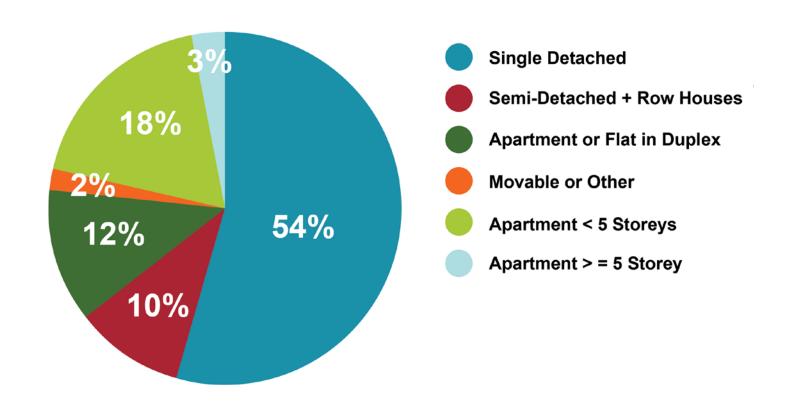








### Housing Supply – Dwellings by Type (2016)





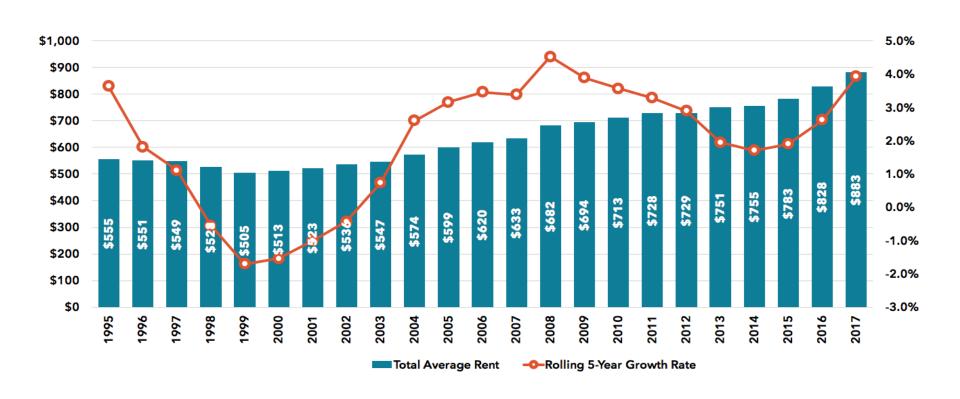
### Population, 2001-2016



Source: Statistics Canada, Census Data

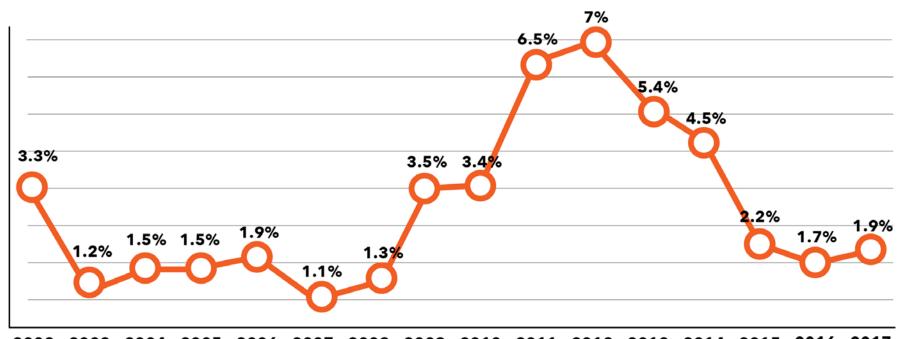


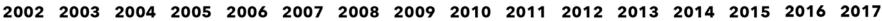
### **Average Rents**





### **Average Vacancy Rates**





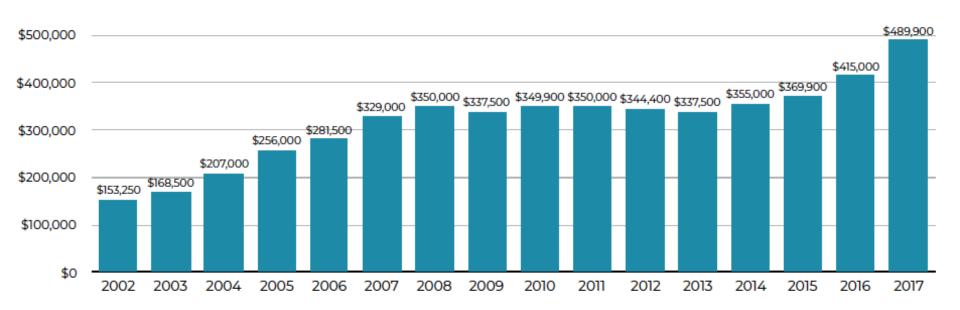


## Market Rentals (\$)

	TOTAL	STUDIO	1 BR	2 BR	3+ BR
CRAIGSLIST (Aug-Oct 2017)	\$1,443	\$887	\$1,054	\$1,310	\$1,929
CMHC (Oct 2017)	\$876	\$682	\$806	\$983	\$1,158



## Median Resale Prices (Single Detached Homes)





#### Median Household Income

TAY TY A	MEDIAN INCOME (\$)
COUPLE HOUSEHOLD	\$83,730
SINGLE PARENTS	\$38,450
SINGLE PEOPLE	\$27,850

Assumptions: 10% down payment, 32% GDS, 3.55% 5 year fixed rate term, 25-year amortization, \$550 allocated to maintenance fees, property taxes, utilities and heating costs.

## Rental Affordability At-A-Glance

#### MEDIAN INCOME HOUSEHOLD

	).	COUPLE HOUSEHOLDS	SINGLE PARENTS	SINGLE PEOPLE
UNIT TYPE	<b>RENTING</b> (MONTHLY RENT)	TAY		
1 BEDROOM	\$1,054	YES	NO	NO
2 BEDROOM	\$1,310	YES	NO	NO
3 BEDROOM	\$1,929	YES	NO	NO



## What Median Income Households Can Afford to Rent/Buy

RENTING (MONTHLY RENT)	TAY TY A	MEDIAN INCOME (\$)
\$2,093	COUPLE HOUSEHOLD	\$372,530
\$961	SINGLE PARENTS	\$105,227
\$696	SINGLE PEOPLE	\$42,652

Assumptions: 10% down payment, 32% GDS, 3.55% 5 year fixed rate term, 25-year amortization, \$550 allocated to maintenance fees, property taxes, utilities and heating costs.

### Non-Market & Rent Supplements

**UNIT TYPE AVERAGE RENT / MONTH** 1,158 **NON-MARKET HOUSING** 1,044 **RENT SUPPLEMENTS** 84 **SHELTERS + SAFE HOUSES** 

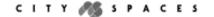






## **Engagement Summary**





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Issues

Greatest Concern

Types of Housing Needed

**Priorities** 

Groups with Greatest Challenges

Opportunities

Policies to Consider



## 6 POP-UP COMMUNITY EVENTS

1277
ENGAGEMENT PARTICIPANTS











## ENGAGEMENT DISCUSSION TOPICS

- PRIORITY HOUSING ISSUES
- GROUPS THAT FACE THE GREATEST CHALLENGES
- HOUSING POLICIES AND TOOL OPTIONS

#### GOVERNMENT STAKEHOLDERS

#### Priority housing issues:

- The need for affordable and diverse rental stock.
- Better coordination across housing and transportation planning.
- The need for an increase in supply across the housing spectrum.
- Policies that encourage diversity in the housing stock, including rental and ownership housing.
- A need for low-income housing, for the lowest 10%.

"Need more supply across the housing spectrum – more supply creates more housing options for people."



#### NON-PROFIT STAKEHOLDERS

#### Priority housing issues:

- The rezoning and development process is lengthy and involves considerable uncertainty.
- 2. There is a need for an increase in supply across the housing spectrum.
- The lack of affordable housing, including land that is available and suitable for affordable housing.
- The lack of supportive housing for youth.
- Lack of family housing.

"People on a fixed income and renting a basement suite could afford market rates in the past, but are now an example of a non-traditional group that is now ending up in shelters."



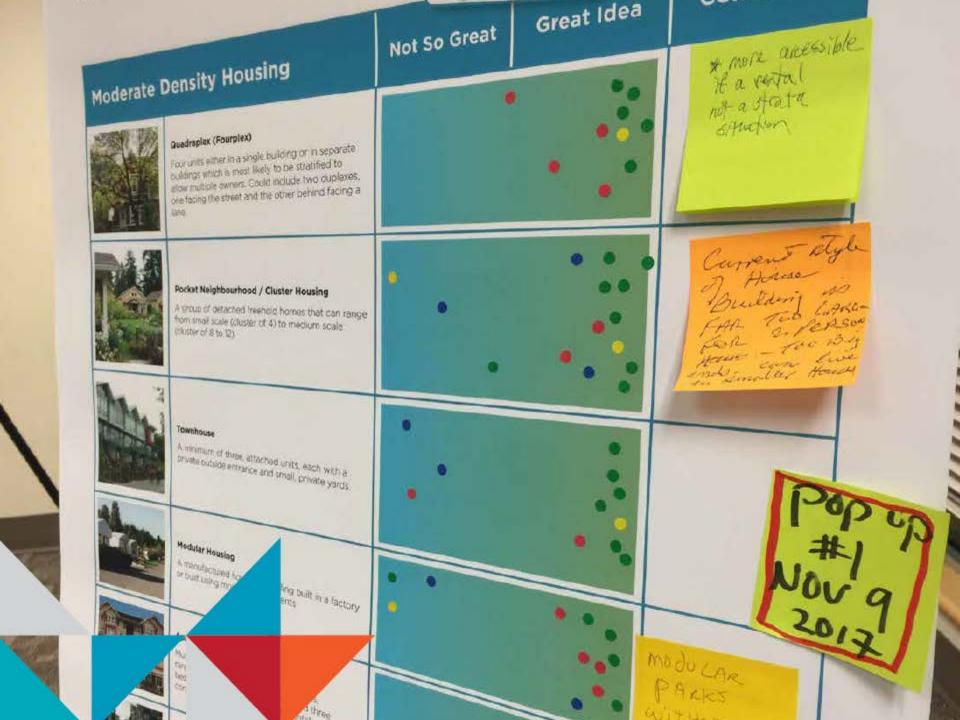
#### INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS

#### Priority housing issues:

- Low quality of some existing rental housing.
- A need for low-income housing, for the lowest 10% including low barrier housing and housing for the most in need.
- The need for diversity in the type and price of housing.
- There is a need for an increase in supply across the housing spectrum.
- There is a large number of single family homes with only one person living in them that could be potential co-housing or the rental of rooms or suites.

"There are so many single family homes. Many people live in more space than they really need. We need to think about keeping units smaller."





## Community Pop-Up Engagement



Design Guidelines to support groundoriented multi-unit housing (low to medium density) e.g. Rowhouses, duplexes, fourplexes, etc.







A short-term rentals policy that encourages homeowners to prioritize long-term rentals.

#### Duplex

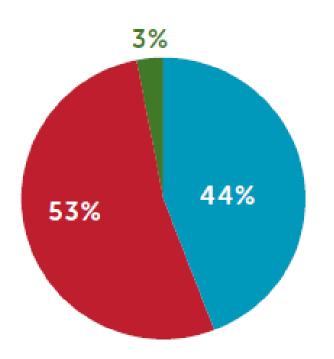


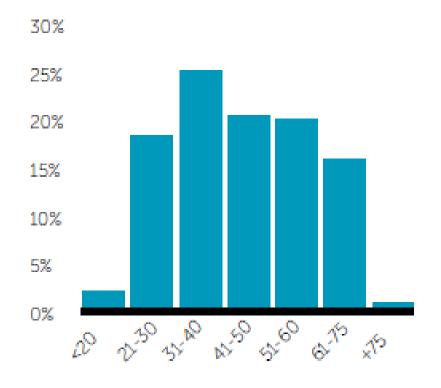
## Survey Responses (967)

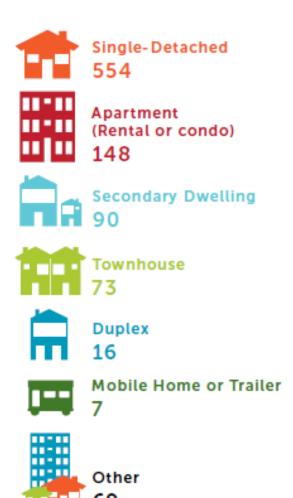
Year-round renter

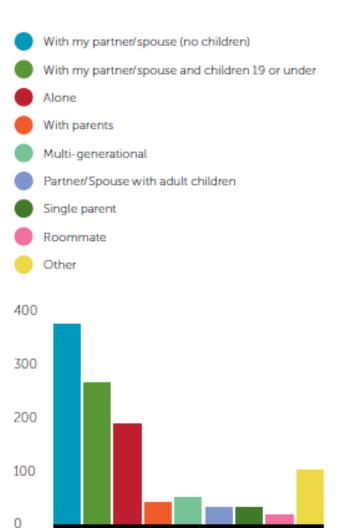
Year-round homeowner

Part-year renter
 (e.g., student, seasonal worker)









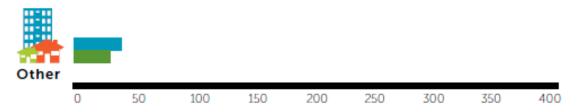




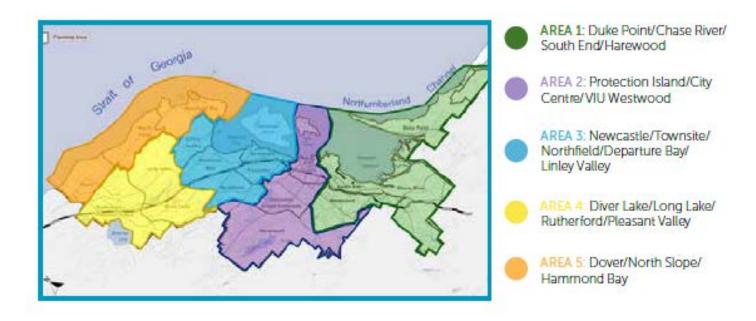


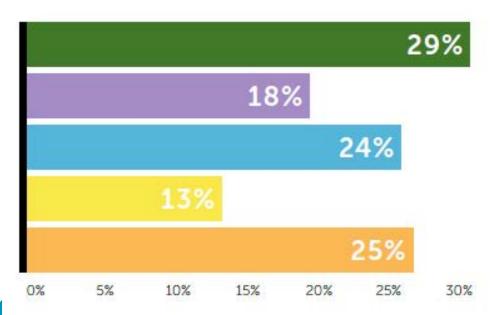




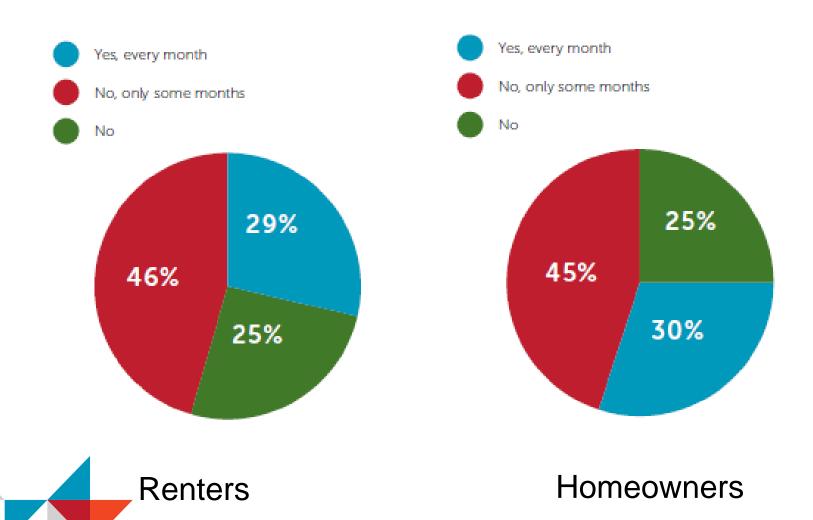




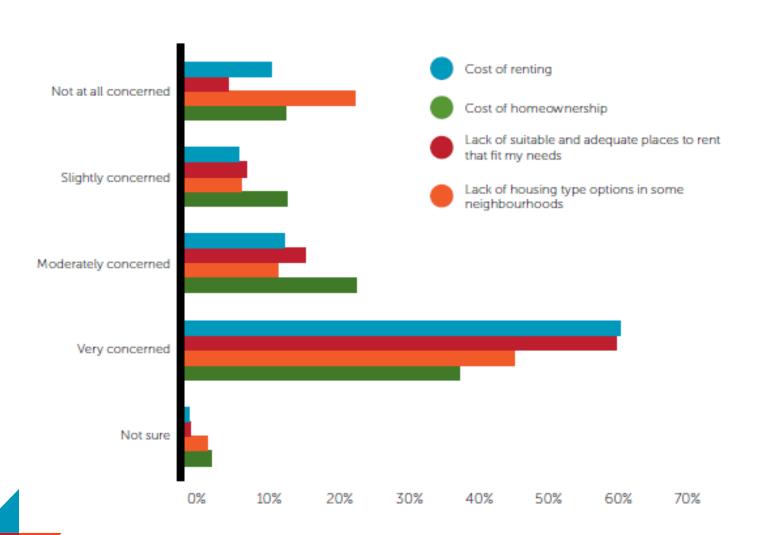




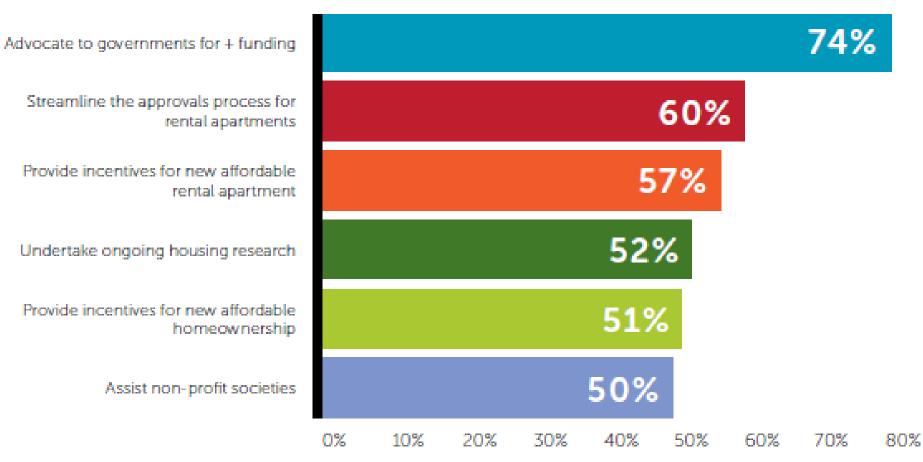
## Sufficient \$ for Basic Needs (after housing)



## Housing issues of personal concern



## The City Should Consider...





"As a student at VIU, I have to commute every day from Port Alberni. I have been struggling to find a place in Nanaimo for the last two years."

"We need to be more forward thinking to plan for hard to house individuals and lowincome seniors and families." "The city needs to work with regional transit to ensure affordable housing is built where people can access buses, to encourage them to move into those units."

"Foreign buyers are clearly becoming a problem in Nanaimo. We need to take steps in our community to not allow foreign money to price out locals from the community they grew up in, work in, and want to give back to."

## Top Issues Identified



- Affordable, safe and liveable homes
- People with pets needing housing
- Foreign ownership
- High cost of home ownership
- Diversity in housing types
- Supply of housing
- Low-income housing
- Transportation and housing

## Identified Priority Groups

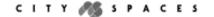
- Lone parent families
- Seniors on fixed incomes
- Persons with physical or mental disabilities
- Seniors with moderate to high health care needs
- Moderate-income couple families with young children
- Low-income single people
- People with addiction
- Youth/young adults
- Post-secondary students
  - Recent immigrants





## **Policy Options**





### Stakeholder World Café





### **Issues & Policy Options**

#### 1. RENTAL HOUSING

Increase supply of rental housing

#### 2. SINGLE DETACHED NEIGHBOURHOODS

Support infill + intensification in single detached neighbourhoods

#### 3. MULTI-UNIT HOUSING

Increase + diversify the supply of multi-unit housing

#### 4. LOW INCOME & SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING

Continue to support the development of low income + special needs housing

#### 5. PARTNERSHIPS

Strengthen government + community partnerships

#### 6. EDUCATION + SUPPORT

Connecting people to housing + programs

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