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SUBJECT TE'TUXWTUN PROJECT UPDATE

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report:

To provide an update on the status of the Te'tuxwtun Project.

BACKGROUND

On 2018-AUG-13, Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Nanaimo, BC Housing Management Commission (BC Housing), and the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (SD 68) to identify opportunities for housing, recreation, and educational facilities on three adjacent properties owned by each of the partners in the Harewood Neighbourhood. This MOU was announced by BC Housing on 2018-DEC-17.

In early 2019, a project steering committee was formed to guide the project and make key decisions. As part of the formation of the committee, Snuneymuxw First Nation Government joined the other government partners. Collectively, the members of the steering committee created a new MOU that better reflected Snuneymuxw's important role as one of the four "Knowledge Partners." The new MOU outlined how the partners will work together within a framework that reflects Snuneymuxw's cultural teachings to complete a comprehensive land use plan for the subject properties located at 564 Fifth Street, 502 Howard Avenue, and 505 Howard Avenue. In keeping with this approach, the project was renamed the Te'tuxwtun Project to reflect the Snuneymuxw's teachings relating to the mountain (Mount Benson) and its position overlooking the project lands.

This revised MOU was approved by Council on 2019-OCT-07, and formal signing of the MOU by all the Knowledge Partners occurred in December 2019. |

DISCUSSION

Since signing the Te'tuxwtun MOU in December 2019, the Knowledge Partners have been procuring a lead consultant and community engagement consultant for the project. Throughout May and June 2020, two consultant teams were selected. The lead consultant, Pooni Group, will provide design, planning, and development consultant services. Community engagement services will be provided by HUM Consulting.

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Members of the community will be invited to a public information session in the coming months and will be provided with opportunities to give feedback on the project throughout the development process. In this regard, HUM Consulting will be developing a more detailed engagement timeline in Fall 2020 that will be provided to Council and used to guide the public engagement process and timing.

As the redevelopment process progresses in the coming years, BC Housing and the Aboriginal Housing Management Association will work with existing Sanala tenants to help find new affordable rental homes, ensuring no one is left without a place to live prior to demolition of the aging townhomes. |

CONCLUSION

| Updated information on this project will be posted on both the BC Housing and City of Nanaimo Te'tuxwtun Project pages for public viewing. |

SUMMARY POINTS

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