

Staff Report for Decision

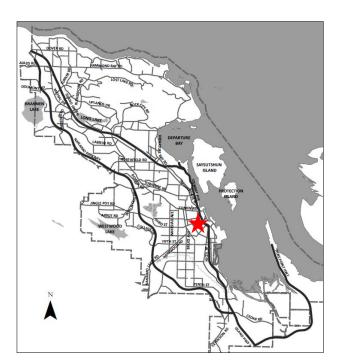
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SUBJECT HOUSING AGREEMENT APPLICATION NO. HA11 – 350 & 398

FRANKLYN STREET



Proposal:

To authorize a housing agreement to secure rental tenure and affordable housing units

Zoning:

DT2 - Fitzwilliam

City Plan Land Use Designation:

Primary Urban Centre

Development Permit Areas:

DPA8 - Form & Character

Lot Area:

404m² – 350 Franklyn Street 1,329m² – 398 Franklyn Street 1,734m² (total lot area)





OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council approval for a Housing Agreement for a 53-unit multi-family development at 350 & 398 Franklyn Street to secure rental tenure and non-market rental units.

Recommendation

That:

- 1. "Housing Agreement Bylaw 2024 No. 7387" (To secure rental tenure and non-market rental housing) pass first reading;
- 2. "Housing Agreement Bylaw 2024 No. 7387" pass second reading;
- 3. "Housing Agreement Bylaw 2024 No. 7387" pass third reading; and,
- 4. Council direct Staff to register a covenant to reinforce the terms of the Housing Agreement.

BACKGROUND

On 2023-DEC-08, the City of Nanaimo and Camargue Properties Inc. entered into a sales agreement for the development of 350 and 398 Franklyn Street in Downtown Nanaimo. One of the conditions of sale required that a housing agreement be registered on title for the properties to secure rental tenure and non-market rental dwelling units.

On 2024-JUL-29, Development Permit No. DP1340 was approved by Council to allow a mixed-use commercial and multi-family development on the site consisting of a five-storey, 53-unit multi-family rental apartment building with a 96m² ground floor commercial unit.

DISCUSSION

Section 483 of the *Local Government Act* allows local governments to enter into a housing agreement regarding the occupancy of housing units. The attached "Housing Agreement Bylaw 2024 No. 7387" would authorize the City of Nanaimo to enter into a housing agreement with the future property owner. The agreement will secure 10% of the dwelling units as non-market rental units and 100% of the units as rental units for 10 years. Securing affordable non-market rental housing is in line with City Plan Policy C3.2.3 and securing 100% of the units as rental units will assist the City in increasing the supply of rental housing.

SUMMARY POINTS

- On 2023-DEC-08, the City of Nanaimo and Camargue Properties Inc. entered into a sales agreement for 350 & 398 Franklyn Street.
- As a condition of sale, the purchaser has agreed to enter into a Section 219 and Housing Agreement to secure rental tenure and non-market rental dwelling units.
- "Housing Agreement Bylaw 2024 No. 7387" would authorize the City of Nanaimo to enter into a housing agreement with the future property owner to secure 100% of the dwelling units as rental units and 10% of the units as non-market rental units for 10 years.



ATTACHMENTS:

"Housing Agreement Bylaw 2024 No. 7387"

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