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VIA EMAIL

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April 10, 2024

His Worship Leonard Krog
Mayor of the City of Nanaimo
Email: leonard.krog@nanaimo.ca

RE: Notification of the City of Nanaimo Selection for Housing Targets Assessment

Dear Mayor Leonard Krog:

I am writing to notify you that the City of Nanaimo has been selected as part of the next cohort of municipalities prioritized for housing targets.

Municipalities across the province have recently taken steps to increase housing supply; however, more action is needed to respond to current unmet need and forecasted demand. The Housing Targets Program is designed to strengthen the relationship between the Province and municipalities to increase housing supply across BC. We want to work together to identify opportunities, challenges and develop solutions that result in more housing being built, as well as collecting better data to inform policy development.

About the *Housing Supply Act* (Act)

The Act was brought into force by Regulation on May 31, 2023, and gives the Province authority to set housing targets in consultation with specified municipalities (identified in Regulation) and to monitor municipalities' actions and progress toward meeting those targets.

The Program is being implemented in a phased approach, with cohorts of municipalities being issued Housing Target Orders approximately every four to six months until all listed communities receive targets. Municipalities are prioritized based on an empirical index of housing availability, affordability, urgent housing need and rural/urban location.

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About Municipal Consultation

We anticipate holding three meetings from mid-April through mid-May to validate the housing needs, review housing targets and reporting requirements. Once the City of Nanaimo receives the proposed Housing Target Order (anticipated after the first meeting), you will have 30 days to respond and provide written comments before the Order comes into effect. There will be frequent opportunities for engagement throughout each stage of the program.

As guided by the Declaration Act, provincial consultation with Indigenous Peoples will occur concurrently with municipal consultation to ensure Indigenous interests are considered in the analysis of housing needs and setting targets.

Next Steps

The Province will issue a news release announcing the next 20 municipalities on April 23, 2024. Please provide the name and contact information of a senior planning staff member (or designate) no later than Friday, April 19, 2024 to email: housing.targets@gov.bc.ca. Housing Targets Branch staff will coordinate with this contact to schedule the series of meetings. Please see the attached What to Expect: Housing Targets Consultation primer for background and an overview of the process.

Follow up questions can be sent to Matthew Pawlow at: matthew.pawlow@gov.bc.ca or by telephone at: 778-405-9403.

We look forward to working with the City of Nanaimo on our shared interests to build more much needed housing in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,



Ravi Kahlon
Minister of Housing

Attachment

pc: Dale Lindsay, Chief Administrative Officer (Dale.Lindsay@nanaimo.ca)

Links:

Housing Supply Act

<https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/bills/billsprevious/3rd42nd:gov43-1>

Housing Supply Regulation

https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/crbcrbc/crbcrbc/133_2023

Selection Index

https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/Selection_Index_Indicators.pdf

News Release: Housing Target Orders and Methodology

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023HOUS0123-001505>

