

## FOR INFORMATION

**TO:** Committee of the Whole                      **MEETING DATE:** September 11, 2024  
**FROM:** Andrew Allen, Director of Planning and Development  
**SUBJECT:** **Housing Needs Report**  
**FILE NO:** 6440

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### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present to the Committee the District of Sechelt 2024 Housing Needs Report created by Urban Matters.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **Summary**

Urban Matters has conducted an update to the 2020 Housing Needs Report and is presented at Committee of the Whole for review and subsequent referral.

#### **Legislative Context**

Provincial legislation requires municipalities to prepare housing needs reports for which information must be used in updates to the Official Community Plan (OCP).

The intent is to understand what kinds of housing are most needed and provide policy to supply housing.

The Local Government Act requires local governments to collect information about:

- Current and projected population
- Household income
- Significant economic sectors, and
- Housing units – currently available or anticipated and information about the types of units.

A Housing Needs report must indicate the total number of housing units required to meet anticipated housing needs for the next five and 20 years with updates every five years.

## **POLICY AND BYLAW IMPLICATIONS**

The Housing Needs Report will assist in review of housing development application, planning and decision making with provincial ministries/BC Housing as well as the up-coming OCP review. It will provide local data to inform Council decisions.

## **SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

The housing needs report responds to the following Integrated Community Sustainability Plan goals:

1. Social Sustainability and Community Well Being
2. Economic Sustainability
6. Sustainable Community Growth and Development

## **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

The housing needs report responds to the following Council strategic objectives:

1. Effective Growth
2. Housing

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Grant funding for the Housing Needs Report was provided by the Province in 2019 as well as 2024. Updates will be required on a five year interval and it is not clear at this time if further funding will be provided or if it will need to be built into the annual operating budget for the Planning and Development Division.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Housing Needs Report will be posted on the District web page and will serve as a reference point for the OCP review.

The report can be referred to community partners that will participate in the OCP review.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Allen,

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Attachments:

1 – Housing Needs Report