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To: Barb Desjardins

Cc: Jodi Graham; Mayor

Subject: Correspondence from Mayor Haynes - Resolution from October 5 Saanich Council Meeting - Affordable Housing

Good afternoon,

Please find attached correspondence from Mayor Haynes sent on behalf of Saanich Council regarding a resolution from the October 5, 2020 council meeting.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you,

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October 8, 2020

Mayor & Council
Township of Esquimalt Municipal Hall
1229 Esquimalt Road
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VIA EMAIL: barb.desjardins@esquimalt.ca

Dear Mayor Desjardins & Council:

Re: Federal Funding for Affordable Housing

On October 5, 2020, Saanich Council considered a Report to Council and resolved as follows:

"That:

- 1. The Mayor write on behalf of Council to the Prime Minister and the Federal Minister of Families, Children, and Social Development about Saanich's desire to see British Columbia receive its fair share of federally supported affordable housing;*
- 2. The Mayor write on behalf of Council to the other mayors and councils of municipalities in the Capital Regional District (CRD) encouraging them to express their desire to see British Columbia get its fair share of federally supported affordable housing; and*
- 3. The Mayor request a meeting with local Members of Parliament and the Federal Minister responsible for housing to discuss Saanich's concerns about the equity of federal funding for affordable housing."*

On behalf of Saanich Council, I encourage your kind support in this matter in order to create significant positive change to the current housing and homelessness crises being experienced in British Columbia.

A copy of the report and draft excerpt from the October 5, 2020 meeting minutes are attached for information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Haynes'.

Fred Haynes
Mayor

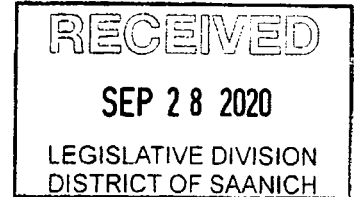
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cc: Saanich Council
Paul Thorkelsson, CAO



The Corporation of the District of Saanich

Report

To: Mayor and Council
From: Fred Haynes, Mayor, and Zac de Vries, Councillor
Date: September 10, 2020
Subject: Federal Funding for Affordable Housing



RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the Mayor write on behalf of Council to the Prime Minister and appropriate Federal Ministers about Saanich's desire to see British Columbia receive its fair share of federally supported affordable housing.
- 2) That the Mayor write on behalf of Council to the other mayors and councils of municipalities in the Capital Regional District (CRD) encouraging them to express their desire to see British Columbia get its fair share of federally supported affordable housing.
- 3) That the Mayor request a meeting with local Members of Parliament and the Federal Minister responsible for housing to discuss Saanich's concerns about the equity of federal funding for affordable housing.

PURPOSE

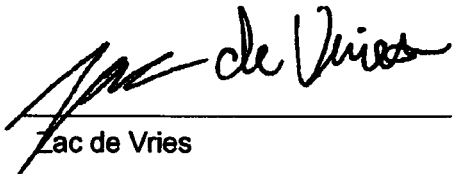
The purpose of this report is to highlight the fact that British Columbia has not received an equitable share of the federal funding available for affordable housing and to propose an action of advocacy.

DISCUSSION

British Columbia has received just 0.5% of the available federal funding for affordable housing. The National Co-Investment Fund finalized \$7.3M for two projects in British Columbia compared to \$1.39B for 12 projects in Ontario. What is clear is that the housing crisis in British Columbia is not getting as much attention from the federal government as the housing crisis in Ontario.

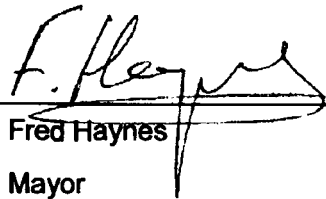
Our community is still being impacted by the housing crisis, homelessness is still an issue in our community, and the 66 units that have been finalized for funding from the federal government in British Columbia is but a drop in the bucket. We need a more meaningful partnership from the

government to address housing issues across British Columbia and here in Saanich. The most pragmatic thing we can do to address the Federal governments shortchanging of British Columbia is to advocate for fairness.



Zac de Vries

Councillor



Fred Haynes

Mayor

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FEDERAL FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Report of Councillor de Vries and Mayor Haynes dated September 10, 2020 recommending to Council that:

1. The Mayor write on behalf of Council to the Prime Minister and appropriate Federal Ministers about Saanich's desire to see British Columbia receive its fair share of federally supported affordable housing;
2. The Mayor write on behalf of Council to the other mayors and councils of municipalities in the Capital Regional District (CRD) encouraging them to express their desire to see British Columbia get its fair share of federally supported affordable housing; and
3. The Mayor request a meeting with local Members of Parliament and the Federal Minister responsible for housing to discuss Saanich's concerns about the equity of federal funding for affordable housing.

MOVED by Councillor de Vries and Seconded by Councillor Taylor: "That

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CARRIED