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Electoral Area Directors  
Municipal Corporate Officers

Via E-Mail

Dear Electoral Area Directors and Municipal Corporate Officers:

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT		
For Information:		
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Local Government

**RE: REQUEST TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR PROPOSED SITES IN THE CAPITAL REGION THAT COULD ACCOMMODATE THE PROVINCE'S MODULAR HOUSING INITIATIVE**

At its October 11, 2017 Board meeting the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board passed the following resolution:

*That the Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends that the Capital Regional District Board:*

- a) *Directs staff to engage member local governments and report back by no later than December 2017 with proposed sites in the region for the installation of new modular housing with supports for the homeless as proposed in the September Provincial Budget Update.*

The CRD, in partnership with the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness (Coalition), conducted a Point in Time (PiT) count which concluded there were 1,387 people experiencing homelessness in region on the night of February 10, 2016. This pervasive issue is not only in the capital region but is also being experienced in regions and municipalities across the province.

Due to this issue, in September 2017 the Province announced an investment of \$291 million over two years to build 2,000 modular supportive housing units across B.C. for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The Province will also provide more than \$170 million over three years to provide 24/7 staffing and support services for these units. This initiative will include a mix of permanent and temporary units.

BC Housing will be working with various municipalities to determine how they may also benefit from this initiative. The program includes temporary modular developments as well as design build projects that can be used to deliver permanent housing.

The CRD Board is requesting that local governments support the response to the growing issue of homelessness within the region by identifying any potential sites that could be used for the installation of either temporary or permanent modular housing options in partnership with the provincial government.



Please reply by December 1, 2017 if your municipality or electoral area has lands available that could be used for this purpose.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Robert Lapham  
Chief Administrative Officer

cc: Barbara Desjardins, Chair, CRD Board  
David Howe, Chair, Hospitals and Housing Committee  
David Screech, Chair, Capital Region Housing Corporation  
Kevin Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services  
Christine Culham, Senior Manager, Regional Housing  
Karla Campbell, Senior Manager, Salt Spring Island Administration