



STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 15, 2022

FILE: 0540-04 EASC

TO: Chair and Directors,
Electoral Areas Services Committee

FROM: David Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

RE: **HOUSING NEEDS REPORTS (FINAL DRAFT REPORTS)**

PURPOSE

To present the draft final *Housing Needs Reports* for Electoral Areas A, B, C and D.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since April 2019 local governments have been required to develop housing needs reports on a regular basis. The reports are intended to strengthen the ability of local governments to understand the kinds of housing most needed in their communities and help to inform local plans, policies, and development decisions.

At its May 26, 2021 meeting, the Regional District Board considered the attached report and passed the following resolution:

Evans/Davis: SRD 511/21

THAT an application for grant funding be submitted to the UBCM Housing Needs Report Program for \$60,000 to fund Housing Needs Reports for the four electoral areas.

Following confirmation of funding approval, the Regional District engaged a consultant to commence the study in January 2022 with a survey and in-depth interviews with each electoral area director, stakeholders, non-profit organizations, and other community representatives. This project is now complete and drafts of the final reports are attached for review and information.

Several key themes emerged across the region, including a need for more seniors' housing, concern about housing affordability, aging housing stock, the desire for alternative housing options (i.e. tiny homes and secondary suites), the limitations of existing water and sewer infrastructure in rural areas, insufficient housing for seasonal workers, and the challenges posed by a rise in short-term rental and recreational properties.

The Regional District's consultant for the project will be in attendance to make a presentation and answer questions that may arise about the study findings.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.

Respectfully:

Dave Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

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- Attachments: Draft Housing Needs Reports:
- Regional Summary Report
 - Housing Needs Report - Electoral Area A
 - Housing Needs Report - Electoral Area B
 - Housing Needs Report - Electoral Area C
 - Housing Needs Report - Electoral Area D
 - Regional Engagement Summary

Copy of March 20, 2021 report to the Board