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Mayor Megan Knight and Council
City of White Rock
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Dear Mayor Megan Knight and Council:

Inclusionary Housing Policy Review – Final Report and Regional Model Policy Framework

As part of Metro Vancouver’s collective efforts to address the urgent need for non-market rental housing, a study was undertaken to review the effectiveness of existing inclusionary housing policies in our region, and document best practices. Metro Vancouver member jurisdictions have delivered or approved over 9,000 below-market units through inclusionary housing programs, a significant contribution to regional housing supply and affordability. The study found that inclusionary housing is a policy tool that has the potential to be scaled up in our region to deliver much needed affordable housing in otherwise market-rate developments, and to help achieve the *Metro 2050* target of 15% affordable rental housing in Urban Centres and near transit.

At its March 22, 2024 regular meeting, the Board of Directors of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) adopted the following resolution:

That the MVRD Board:

- a) *receive for information the report dated February 20, 2024, titled “Inclusionary Housing Policy Review – Final Report and Regional Model Policy Framework”; and*
- b) *send correspondence to member jurisdictions, requesting that the regional model policy framework be considered when adopting or updating inclusionary housing policies.*

At this time, Metro Vancouver is requesting that member jurisdictions consider the findings and recommendations of the Regional Model Policy Framework for inclusionary housing when adopting or updating local programs. Metro Vancouver staff are additionally available upon request to present the study findings to Councils or staff teams, to discuss potential next steps and opportunities for regional coordination, particularly given that the Province of BC tabled its new Inclusionary Zoning legislation on April 3, 2024.

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Should your jurisdiction be interested in learning more about the Regional Model Policy Framework for inclusionary housing, and how it could be leveraged to deliver below-market rental units in your community, I invite you or your staff to contact Jonathan Cote, Deputy General Manager of Regional Planning and Housing Development via email at jonathan.cote@metrovancover.org.

Yours sincerely,



George V. Harvie
Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

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cc: Guillermo Ferrero, Chief Administrative Officer, City of White Rock
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Heather McNell, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Policy and Planning, Metro Vancouver

Encl: [MVRD Board report dated February 20, 2024, titled "Inclusionary Housing Policy Review – Final Report and Regional Model Policy Framework" \(pg. 118\)](#)

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