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Subject: Update on the Non-Market Housing Inventory & Open Data

Attachments: Memo to Mayor and Council - Non Market Housing Inventory on Open Data.pdf

Dear Mayor and Council,

Attached please find a memo from Sandra Singh and Gil Kelley which provides an update on the Non-Market Housing Inventory & Open Data. Key points include the following:

- On September 19, 2017, Council passed motion directing staff to compile a comprehensive non-market housing dataset to be made available on the City of Vancouver Open Data Catalogue
- The first edition of the requested dataset will be ready to be uploaded onto Open Data in the coming weeks, and will be updated on a quarterly basis.
- The database is compiled from different sources to provide data on projects that are completed, under construction, approved and in process.
- The creation of a new or modified data system for housing data is recommended, which would streamline the process for Open Data updates as well other data reporting associated with the Housing Vancouver Strategy.

Best,
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MEMORANDUM

August 17, 2018

TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: Non-Market Housing Inventory on Open Data

On September 19, 2017, Vancouver City Council passed a motion directing staff to compile a comprehensive non-market housing dataset in basic CSV/XLS formats that would be made available on the City of Vancouver Open Data Catalogue. This motion aligns with the Housing Vancouver 3-Year Action Plan to ensure that City-collected housing data be made more readily available to the public.

The non-market housing data currently available online consists of the Non-Market Inventory for completed projects. This inventory is set up in a project-focused manner and does not have the ability to provide a summary table that can be downloaded. Additionally, the dataset currently available on Open Data is of the completed non-market housing projects but only contains geographical location information for mapping purposes. Information on both approved and proposed projects is available on the Rezoning applications webpage as well as the Development Application Information Web Page, both providing information on a project by project basis.

A working group was formed to determine the best method to create a comprehensive dataset in CSV/XLS. In alignment with current data reporting, the dataset on Open Data will be updated on a quarterly basis. The first edition of the dataset is anticipated to be posted in the coming weeks.

The interim dataset provides the following attributes:

- Name
- Address
- Status: occupied, under construction, approved, proposed*
- Occupancy Year**
- Unit Total
 - Design**: Standard, Accessible, Adaptable
 - Bedroom Type**: Room, Studio, 1 BR, 2 BR, 3+ BR
 - Housing Focus**: Seniors, Families, Other
- Operator**
- Program***: Co-op, Non-profit, Public, Urban Indigenous
- Latitude
- Longitude

Notes:

* Proposed refers to a project with an application that has been submitted to the City for consideration.

** Generally not known/finalized until the project is completed.

*** The non-market open dataset itself will not include a field for programs; however, lists of operators by operator type will be available as metadata.

The data currently available online includes City-owned sites, but does not include site ownership information for other sites. The City will work with the non-profit and co-op sector and the privacy office to obtain permission to include site ownership information to be made publicly available in future updates.

This Open Data dataset requires extracting information from multiple datasets on different platforms. The working group recommends the creation of a new or modified data system which not only enables greater efficiency and ensures accuracy of future Open Data updates, but would be invaluable for data reporting on the implementation of the *Housing Vancouver Strategy*.

Regards



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