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Dear Mayor and Council,

This memo provides an update on the Seniors Housing Strategy in response to a question from Council. The draft Strategy, along with a summary document, is currently out for public and stakeholder review. Through this engagement process, Staff have identified several changes that will be incorporated into the final Strategy prior to Council consideration on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

If Council has additional questions related to the Strategy or process, please direct those to Dan Garrison, Director of Housing Policy and Regulation at [Dan.Garrison@vancouver.ca](mailto:Dan.Garrison@vancouver.ca).

Best,  
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## MEMORANDUM

June 6, 2024

TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: Seniors Housing Strategy

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This memo responds to a question from Council requesting an update on the draft Seniors Housing Strategy.

After extensive engagement with older adults, community organizations serving seniors, and caregivers over the last year, we are excited to share a draft of the City's first Seniors Housing Strategy. The draft Strategy, along with a summary document is currently out for public and stakeholder review and is available online at <https://www.shapeyourcity.ca/seniors-housing>. The final Seniors Housing Strategy is expected to be brought to City Council for consideration on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

The draft strategy outlines policies, partnerships, and advocacy to work towards the overarching goal of ensuring elders and older adults have the housing and supports needed to allow for aging in appropriate and affordable housing in their community. To achieve this, the City of Vancouver will:

- Use regulatory tools to encourage more appropriate and affordable housing options for elders and older adults across the housing continuum and within neighbourhoods, so they may age in their community.

- Advocate to the Provincial and Federal governments for the needed health and rental supports to allow older adults to maintain their housing, and partner to deliver seniors-specific non-market housing and care facilities.
- Prioritize affordable housing options for those who need it most, such as seniors social, co-op and supportive housing, and subsidized assisted living and long-term care.

The Strategy will be brought to Council along with:

- A new Seniors Housing Rezoning Policy, to enable private and non-market seniors housing and care options in neighbourhoods,
- A new Resident Relocation Policy to ensure residents in redeveloping long-term care or assisted living are provided with good communication, moving expenses, and appropriate relocation options, and
- Updated City design guidelines for Seniors Supportive Housing, Assisted Living, and Long-term Care that will help encourage new buildings to improve wellness and livability for older adults.

This strategy focuses on housing and related supports and is an important piece in moving towards making Vancouver more equitable for older adults. Housing is one of several key components of the World Health Organization Age-friendly Cities Framework. However, staff note that work is needed on a broad range of issues, across the city and with partners, to better support the well-being of older adults and elders. This housing strategy is intended to align with the upcoming Older Persons Strategic Action Plan, which is currently being scoped by staff prior to a framework being brought to Council.

Through the engagement process to date, Staff have identified several recommended changes to the draft Strategy that were raised by stakeholders and partners. These recommendations will be incorporated into the final Seniors Housing Strategy prior to Council consideration on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

If Council has additional questions related to the Strategy or process, please direct those to Dan Garrison, Director of Housing Policy and Regulation at [Dan.Garrison@vancouver.ca](mailto:Dan.Garrison@vancouver.ca).



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