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August 26, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

VIA EMAIL: pm@pm.gc.ca

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Supported Housing Funding in British Columbia

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A copy of the report and excerpt of the draft meeting minutes are enclosed for reference.

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Fred Haynes
Mayor

Enclosures

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The Honourable Ahmed Hussen
Minister of Families, Children, and Social Development
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

VIA EMAIL: Ahmed.Hussen@parl.gc.ca

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The Honourable Chrystia Freeland
Department of Finance Canada
90 Elgin Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0G5

VIA EMAIL: Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca

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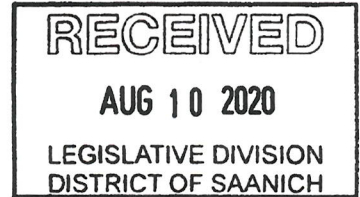
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Report



To: Saanich Council

From: Mayor Fred Haynes and Councillor Zac de Vries

Date: August 10, 2020

Subject: Request for Supported Housing Funding in British Columbia from the Federal Government

RECOMMENDATION

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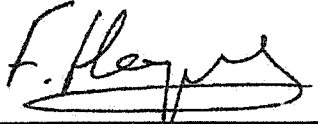
Collectively across Canada we recognize the demands that COVID-19 has placed upon our residents, our health, and our economy. Amidst this significant crisis of blended issues we applaud the practical, well-measured steps the Federal Government has taken to protect our residents' health and to soften the economic impacts.

We also recognize the great value that is realized across Canada when our three levels of government, Federal, Provincial, and Municipal, work jointly together to address the pressing issues of the day. The exceptional, cooperative approach of our governments in addressing COVID-19 has provided an example of this.

An additional area that all Federal and all governments have spoken up on is the collective, collaborative work needed to address the needs for the adequate provision of supported housing.

In British Columbia, the Provincial Government and Municipalities are stepping up with funding and the resources to join with the Federal Government. By example, our Provincial Government has put forward funding and municipalities are aiding and identifying suitable lands.

To date, the financial commitment and action by the Federal Government has yet to be clarified and acted upon. This is causing great difficulties in moving forward. We request that the Federal government steps forward with a clear contribution matching that of the Provincial government.



Fred Haynes

Mayor



Zac de Vries

Councillor

1410-04
Report - Council

REQUEST FOR SUPPORTED HOUSING FUNDING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Report from Mayor Haynes and Councillor de Vries dated August 10, 2020 recommending that Council write to the Office of the Prime Minister, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development requesting that the Federal Government take clear action to step forward with concrete funding support to match the funding already committed by the Provincial Government of British Columbia for supported housing, given the crisis in available supported housing in our region and Province.

MOVED by Councillor de Vries and Seconded by Councillor Mersereau: "That Council write to the Office of the Prime Minister, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development requesting that the Federal Government take clear action to step forward with concrete funding support to match the funding already committed by the Provincial Government of British Columbia for supported housing, given the crisis in available supported housing in our region and in the Province."

CARRIED

Rachel Mattiuz

From: MinFinance / FinanceMin (FIN) <fin.minfinance-financemin.fin@canada.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:33 AM
To: Rachel Mattiuz
Subject: (External Email) RE: 499757 - FW: 08.26.2020 - Supported Housing Funding in British Columbia
Attachments: 08.26.2020-FIN-SupportedHousing.pdf

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Dear Mayor Haynes and Mr. de Vries:

Thank you for your correspondence of August 26, 2020 and for sharing your ideas and suggestions. Please excuse the delay in replying.

Canadians have shown tremendous resilience in adapting to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the Government of Canada will keep taking action to support businesses, protect jobs, and keep Canadians safe and healthy. One lesson this pandemic has taught us is that we need to match challenges with decisiveness and determination. And so, we will build back better to create a stronger, more resilient Canada.

Your thoughts and suggestions are an important part of deciding how we will keep strengthening the middle class; helping people working hard to join it; and continue creating jobs and building long-term competitiveness with clean growth.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

From: Rachel Mattiuz [<mailto:Rachel.Mattiuz@saanich.ca>]

Sent: August 26, 2020 4:11 PM

To: 'fin.minfinance-financemin.fin@canada.ca'; Freeland, Chrystia - M.P.

Cc: Paul Thorkelsson; Colin Plant; Judy Brownoff; Karen Harper; Mayor; Nathalie Chambers; Ned Taylor; Rebecca Mersereau; Susan Brice; Zac De Vries

Subject: 08.26.2020 - Supported Housing Funding in British Columbia

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached from Mayor Haynes a letter regarding a supported housing funding resolution from the District of Saanich.

Kindly confirm receipt of this correspondence.

Thank you,

Rachel Mattiuz

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From: MinFinance / FinanceMin (FIN) <fin.minfinance-financemin.fin@canada.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:58 AM
To: Mayor
Cc: Rachel Mattiuz
Subject: (External Email) 499327 - Your correspondence of August 26, 2020

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Dear Mayor Haynes:

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