

## SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

3. **TEXT AMENDMENT:** Proposed Amendments to the Downtown Official Development Plan (DODP) including new housing definitions applicable to all areas within the DODP and including amendments to implement the West End and Downtown Eastside plans

**Summary:** To amend the DODP to implement objectives of the Downtown Eastside (DTES) Plan, West End Plan, Healthy City Strategy, and Housing and Homelessness Strategy. These changes include but are not limited to:

1. Substituting the term “social housing” for “low cost housing” and adding a definition for “secured market rental housing”, which would apply to all sites within the DODP boundary;
2. Removing future residential uses and increasing commercial density in the Robson Village (‘Area E’); and
3. Allowing for increased height and density to provide social housing and secured market rental housing in the Victory Square area (‘Area C2’).

Some of these changes were previously approved by Council in 2014, however residents living or working outside of the West End and DTES plan areas may not have been aware that they were also affected. The amendments are being considered by Council following an expanded community notification covering all of the DODP area.

**Applicant:** General Manager of Planning and Development Services

**Referral:** This item was referred to Public Hearing at the Regular Council Meeting of March 3, 2015.

**Recommended Approval:** The General Manager of Planning and Development Services recommends approval of the following:

- A. THAT, noting the amendments to the Downtown Official Development Plan by By-law 10865 made by Council as part of the implementation of the West End Plan which have been quashed by BC Supreme Court ruling, the subsequent amendments to the Downtown Official Development Plan by By-law 10929 made by Council as part of the implementation of the Downtown Eastside Plan, now be repealed; and
- B. THAT the application to amend the Downtown Official Development Plan to advance the objectives of the West End and Downtown Eastside plans, as described in the Policy Report dated February 23, 2015, entitled “Proposed Amendments to the Downtown Official Development Plan (DODP) including new housing definitions applicable to all areas within the DODP and including amendments to implement the West End and Downtown Eastside plans”, be approved.

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