Provincial Housing Targets Order 6-Month Interim Report: October 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024

Special Council Meeting, May 14, 2024



# Outline



- Background
- Progress Towards Targets 1<sup>st</sup> 6 months
- Next Steps



# Recommendations in this report



- A. THAT Council receive for information the Housing Targets Interim Report: October 1, 2023 March 31, 2024, as contained in Appendix A
- B. THAT Council direct Staff to submit the Housing Targets Interim Report: October 1, 2023 March 31, 2024, as contained in Appendix A, to the Province by May 15 to comply with the requirements under the Provincial Housing Supply Act



# **Background**



#### Recent Provincial legislation on housing targets

May 2023

The Housing Supply Act brought into force - provides Province with new authority to set housing targets for municipalities

Intent: deliver housing faster in areas with greatest needs across the Province

**Sep 2023** 

Housing Target orders issued for first 10 municipalities, including Vancouver



# **Provincial Housing Target Order for Vancouver**



# 5 Year Housing Target for Vancouver October 1, 2023 – March 31, 2028

	Housing Target	
Year 1	5,202	
Year 2	10,597	
Year 3	16,281	
Year 4	22,349	
Year 5 Total Net New Completed Units	28,900	

#### The Housing Target for Vancouver:

- Total of 28,900 net new completed units over 5 years
- Based on meeting 75% of a housing needs assessment conducted by the Province
- Intended to meet needs of existing and projected new households

# Reporting Requirements and Compliance



#### **Reporting Timeline**

Reports Required	Report Due to the Province	
Interim Oct 1, 2023 – Mar 31, 2024	May 15, 2024	
<b>Year 1</b> Oct 1, 2023 – Sep 30, 2024	Nov 15, 2024	
<b>Year 2</b> Oct 1, 2024 – Sep 30, 2025	Nov 15, 2025	
<b>Year 3</b> Oct 1, 2025 – Sep 30, 2026	Nov 15, 2026	
<b>Year 4</b> Oct 1, 2026 – Sep 30, 2027	Nov 15, 2027	
<b>Year 5</b> Oct 1, 2027 – Sep 30, 2028	Nov 15, 2028	

- Municipalities are required to submit regular progress reports
- Reports must be received by resolution by City Council and submitted to the Province within 45 days of the end of the reporting period
- Progress reports are intended to provide the Province information on a municipality's ability to meet or make progress toward targets
- If a municipality does not meet their target, the Province may:
  - Appoint an advisor to review progress and make recommendations
  - Require the municipality to enact or amend by-laws or issue specific permits

## What are the Provincial Targets Measuring?



# Projects reaching completions in 2024 are measuring applications that began construction 2 – 3 years ago.

In-stream projects approved pre-2024: anticipated to complete by 2028

Most projects counted toward Provincial Target are in-stream, anticipated to complete by 2028

Approvals from 2024 onwards

A small portion of projects approved today will reach completion by 2028 (e.g. low-rise or ground-oriented housing)

PROVINCIAL TARGET

28,900 net new completed units over 5 Years (2023 - 2028)

Provincial Housing Target Progress After 6 months Oct 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024



# **Progress After 6 months**



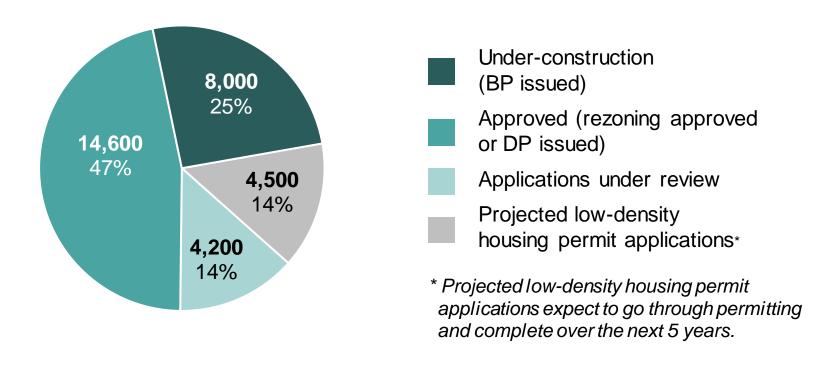
Net New Units 6-month period	Year 1 Provincial Target  12-month period	
1,607	5,202	

- Decline in completions from 2022 to 2024 attributed to factors delaying construction including natural construction cycles, higher construction costs/interest rates, labour shortage, and material availability.
- Rate of completion is expected to increase throughout the rest of the Year 1 and future reporting periods based on the volume of projects under construction.

### City Has Capacity to Meet Targets in the Reporting Period



# In-Stream Projects by Development Status as of March 31, 2024 and Projected Low-Density Housing Permits

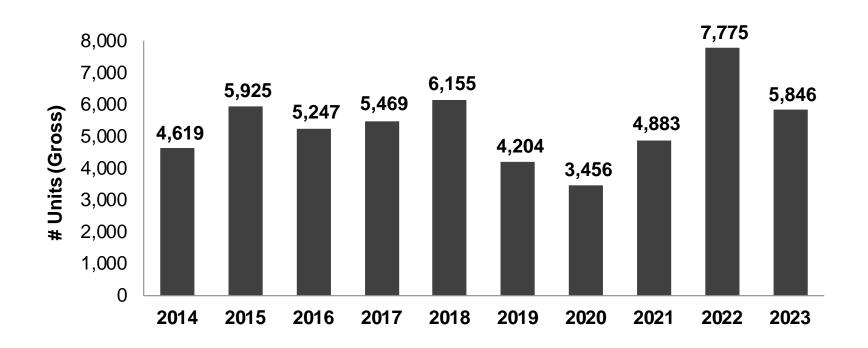


Currently ~31,300 net new units anticipated, exceeding the 5-Year Provincial target

## **Strong Construction Activity Leading to Future Completions**



#### **Annual Residential Building Permits Issued**



High volume of Building Permits issued in 2022 and 2023 will result in ~13,500 units reaching completion over the next several years

#### **Achieving Targets Requires All Levels of Government**



**Targets based on completions** requires participation from all levels of government and various sectors of the economy

#### **Factors Affecting Project Completion**

Funding & financing
Interest rates, bank underwriting capacity and requirements

Labour availability

Work site management, trades collaboration...

Construction material supply and costs

Building completion

- After approval, municipalities have little control over whether a project reaches completion
- Factors impacting construction starts are complex and multijurisdictional

# Provincial Guidance Unit Breakdown Categories



# **Provincial Guidance Categories**



- The breakdown of the target by sub-categories provided as guideline only and could be made mandatory through a revised Order at a later date
- Reporting template with detailed data requested for each sub-category

#### Initial Guidance – Unit Breakdown Categories (2023 – 2028)

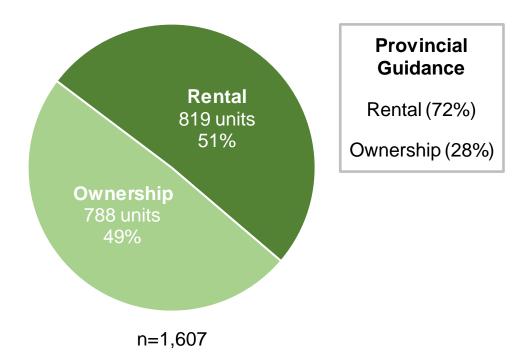
Guideline category		Net New Units to Complete	% of target
Unit Size	Studio & 1-bed	17,459	60%
	2 bed	5,231	18%
	3+ bed	6,209	21%
Tenure	Rental	20,886	72%
	Owned	8,015	28%
Rental by Affordability	Market	12,992	45%
	Units renting at/below HILs	7,894	27%
Supportive Rental Units		583	2%

# **Provincial Guidance Categories - Tenure**



**Tenure** 

Oct. 1, 2023 – Mar. 31, 2024 (Net Completions)

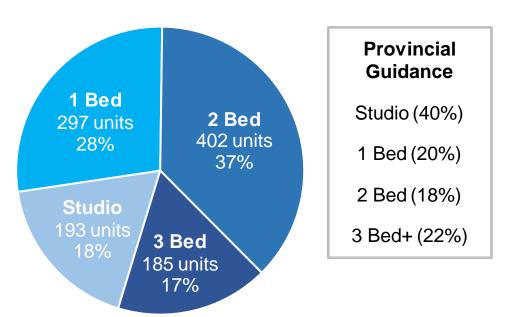


- The last 6 months of completions indicate over half of new units completed are purpose-built or secondary rental.
- 78% of all housing units approved in 2023 were purposebuilt rental or laneway units, signaling further shift toward rental completions in upcoming years.

# **Provincial Guidance Categories – Unit Size**



Unit Size
Oct. 1, 2023 – Mar. 31, 2024
(Gross Completions)



n=1,077

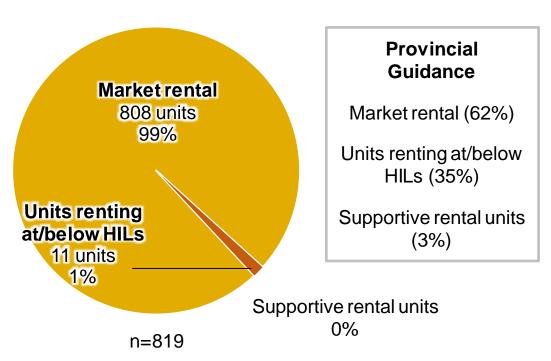
 Over the last 6 months, over 50% of new apartment and townhouse units completed will have 2 or more bedrooms.

# **Provincial Guidance Categories - Affordability**



## **Affordability**

Oct. 1, 2023 – Mar. 31, 2024 (Net Completions)



- After the first 6 months, only
   1% of completed units will rent at or below HILS
- Vancouver has several programs targeting new private and non-market rental housing at different levels of affordability - more units are expected to complete in future reporting periods, but delivering units renting at or below HILs is difficult without increased senior government funding.

# **Next Steps**



- Conduct further analysis on housing need and in-stream projects to confirm ability to deliver on targets. Refresh the Housing Vancouver 10 Year Targets based on this analysis
- Develop a **3 Year Housing Action Plan** with 50 actions over 7 topic areas to increase the supply of housing



Needs





**Equity** 



Indigenous Housing



Addressing Homelessness



Rental Housing



**Speculation** 

# **Timeline of Upcoming Reports**



#### June

Council Report – Refreshed COV Targets & 3 Year Action Plan June 25

We are here.

Council Report - Provincial Housing Targets Order 1st Interim Report May 14

May

Council Report – Provincial Housing Targets Order 1st Annual Report & Updated Housing Needs Report

November

# Summary



- This Interim report with the first 6 months of data establishes a baseline for reporting required through the Provincial Housing Targets Order
- Significant supply under construction and in development will complete over the next few years
- Work is underway to refresh the City's 10 Year Housing Vancouver Strategy and development of an accompanying 3 Year Action Plan to incorporate the Provincial Target Order and deliver on the targets





