

MOTION ON NOTICE

2. Non-Market Housing Projects Dataset

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WHEREAS

1. Vancouver City Council is committed to making City information freely available - while balancing privacy rights - to ensure transparency, accountability, and good governance;
2. The City's Open Data catalogue provides free and open access to over 145 City datasets, and new datasets are added regularly;
3. The available Open Data datasets are diverse and include - among others - employee remuneration and expenses (over \$75,000/year), 3-1-1 contact centre metrics, locations of installed bike racks on City property, parking ticket records data, locations and attributes of public washrooms on city streets and in public parks (in CSV, XLS, and KML formats), individual Council member voting records for Regular Council, Special Council, Standing Committee, and Public Hearing meetings, as well as a dataset that inventories street trees in the city;
4. City of Vancouver housing staff keep a complete inventory of non-market housing projects - both the buildings owned by the City and the buildings provided by other agencies - which allows Vancouver residents who are unable to pay market-level rents to locate social and co-op housing and easily find any facility (see: <http://vancouver.ca/people-programs/find-subsidized-and-co-op-rental-housing.aspx>);
5. The non-market housing inventory information kept by City of Vancouver housing staff includes many details about each building, including: exact street address, number of units, types of units available (families, seniors, singles, etc.), a photo, name of the building's sponsor, original occupancy date, and links to related City of Vancouver documents such as lease agreements, development permits, and rezoning approvals;
6. Social housing units typically originate from two types of projects: mixed market/social housing projects, and 100% social housing projects;
7. Due to the nature of major project rezoning approvals, which are typically large, phased developments taking 10 or 15 years to build out, public benefit contributions such as social and/or non-market housing units may take a decade or more before they are available for occupancy;

8. In response to Vancouver's housing crisis, the City of Vancouver is re-setting its Housing and Homelessness Strategy to better meet the needs of residents (see: Housing Vancouver Strategy: <http://vancouver.ca/people-programs/housing-vancouver-strategy.aspx> and "The Big Conversation" Discussion Guide: The Future of Housing in Vancouver, June 17, 2017 <http://vancouver.ca/files/cov/housing-vancouver-discussion-guide.pdf>);
9. Access to clear, easily referenced, transparent data relating to the City's non-market and social housing inventory (current and planned inventory) is crucial to any discussion of housing and homelessness in the City of Vancouver and is in accord with governance best practices.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to compile a comprehensive non-market housing / social housing dataset, to be made available in basic CSV/XLS formats that can be opened by many applications including Excel and other spreadsheet applications, and for this dataset to be made available on the City of Vancouver Open Data Catalogue, with information fields to include (but not limited to) the following:

- Project name
- Exact street address
- Status (i.e., completed and occupied, under construction, approved)
- Original occupancy date
- Number of units
- Types of units (i.e., Standard, Accessible, Adaptable, Supportive, etc.)
- Number of units by bedroom (i.e., Room, Studio, 1-Bed, 2-Bed, 3-Bed, 4-Bed)
- Housing focus (i.e., families, seniors, singles, etc.)
- Ownership (i.e., City-owned or privately-owned)
- Name of the building's sponsoring agency
- Links to related City of Vancouver documents and reports such as lease agreements, development permits, and rezoning approvals
- Other explanatory comments

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the non-market housing in this Dataset be clearly categorized as either proposed, approved, under construction, or occupied (as the case may be) to account for non-market housing that is planned and/or approved, housing that is under construction, and housing that is already built and occupied.

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