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via email: ted.swabey@northcowichan.ca

Ted Swabey, CAO
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Dear Mr. Swabey:

Re: Workforce Housing Strategy Feedback

On July 10, 2024, the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) Board approved the Cowichan Region Workforce Housing Strategy, and directed staff to engage with member municipalities on the Strategy prior to implementation. The purpose of this engagement is to ensure the Strategy's recommendations are in alignment with municipal Official Community Plans and other key policies and plans.

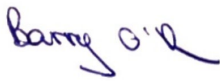
On July 10, 2024 the CVRD Board approved the following resolutions:

- 1. That the recommendations outlined in the Cowichan Region Workforce Housing Strategy (Attachment A) under the "Four Strategy Areas" be considered for implementation as resources and priorities allows; and*
- 2. That the CVRD send a letter to each municipality and Electoral Area Services Committee planning staff, seeking feedback on the Cowichan Region Workforce Housing Strategy, prior to implementation; and offering that Economic Development staff visit their Council to discuss the recommendation.*

Please find attached the Cowichan Region Workforce Housing Strategy, three Companion Documents, and an Economic Development Cowichan (EDC) staff report presented to the Committee of the Whole on June 26, 2024 that provides a summary of the report and project process.

We welcome feedback from Municipality of North Cowichan staff and elected officials in writing by September 30, 2024. EDC staff are also available to meet with municipal staff or present to Council on the Cowichan Region Workforce Housing Strategy if requested.

Yours truly,



Barry O'Riordan
Manager, Economic Development Cowichan

Attachments

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cc: Amanda Young, Director Planning and Building
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