



Report to Committee

DATE: March 23, 2015

TO: Smart Growth Committee (SGC)

FROM: Laura Lee Richard, Director of Development Services

SUBJECT: Housing Action Plan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached **Housing Action Plan** has been completed to meet the requirements of Metro Vancouver's *Regional Growth Strategy*. It is also an important component of the Official Community Plan (OCP) update.

The Plan proposes six directions:

- expand opportunities for housing within residential neighbourhoods
- increase options for ground-oriented housing
- direct residential growth to transit-oriented locations and municipal centres
- protect and expand rental housing
- address housing needs of a growing seniors' population, and
- encourage social housing projects by senior levels of government.

The Plan identifies how the directions would be implemented through amendment of the City's housing and land use policies, regulations and guidelines. Much of this work anticipates comprehensive public consultation through the OCP update process.

RECOMMENDATION

That the implementation actions outlined in the *Housing Action Plan* be endorsed.

OPTIONS

SGC may:

- (1) Endorse the implementation actions (*recommended*);
- (2) Request additional information prior to making any decisions on the Plan; or,
- (3) Make changes to the directions or implementation actions of the Plan.

Laura Lee Richard, Director of Development Services

Attachment: *Housing Action Plan* dated March 2015