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From: Mayor
Sent: April-11-17 2:48 PM
To: Clerks
Subject: FW: Greater Vancouver Home Builders' Association Housing Approvals Study
Attachments: Mark Sakai.vcf; HAS Media Coverage - as of 11 April.docx; Mark Sakai2.vcf

From: Mark Sakai [<mailto:mark@gvhba.org>]
Sent: April-11-17 2:45 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Greater Vancouver Home Builders' Association Housing Approvals Study

Mayor Corrigan and Members of Burnaby City Council;

On April 3rd, the Greater Vancouver Home Builders' Association released the Housing Approvals Study (HAS), the third report of its kind on residential permitting processes in 17 municipalities in Metro Vancouver. HAS 2017, which focuses on Infill Housing, follows two previous reports, Getting to Groundbreaking (G2G) 2014 on Townhouses, and G2G 2016 on Low-rise Wood Frame Apartments. The report can be found at this link on our webpage: www.gvhba.org/HAS

All three of these reports highlight important Best Practices for local governments and developers/builders, to improve the efficiency and predictability of the permitting process and allow municipalities and industry to create the much-needed housing in our region.

The report has been very well covered by various media outlets, as summarized in the [*attached document](#) (with live links).

The HAS 2017 report identified the importance of Infill Housing in meeting housing demand, by providing ground-oriented, family-friendly housing in established neighbourhoods. This 'gentle density', in the form of narrow-lot single family houses, duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes and accessory dwelling units in the form of secondary suites and laneway/coach houses, can create opportunities for first time home buyers, downsizers, households seeking inter-generational living, and aging-in-place. As well, the infusion of new, young families into established neighbourhoods, where existing single detached homes may be out of financial reach, provides support for existing retail/commercial/service establishments, community infrastructure, and local schools, many of which have experienced declining enrollment.

We will be sending a letter to Council, seeking an opportunity to appear in an appropriate setting (perhaps as a delegation), to discuss the important findings of HAS 2017, and offering avenues where GVHBA can work collaboratively with you and your staff to find viable solutions to our housing issues that provide 'wins' for Burnaby, your residents, and builders alike.

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