

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED SOLUTION TO BURNABY'S RENTAL HOUSING**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council refer correspondence from Mr. John Aarts to the Mayor's Task Force on Community Housing.

**REPORT****1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Planning and Development Committee, at its meeting held on 2018 December 11, received the *attached* item of correspondence from Mr. John Aarts proposing a possible solution to Burnaby's rental housing shortage.

**2.0 POLICY SECTION**

The recommendation in this report supports the following goals and sub-goals of the City's *Corporate Strategic Plan*.

- An Inclusive Community
  - Serve a diverse community –  
Ensure City services fully meet the needs of our dynamic community
  - Enhance City workforce diversity –  
Support a diversified City workforce by identifying barriers and implementing proactive strategies
- A Healthy Community
  - Healthy life –  
Encourages opportunities for healthy living and well-being
  - Healthy environment –  
Enhance our environmental health, resilience and sustainability

*To: His Worship, the Mayor and Councillors*  
*From: Planning & Development Committee*  
*Re: Proposed Solution to Burnaby's Rental Housing*  
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### **3.0 CONCLUSION**

The Planning and Development Committee recommend Council refer Mr. Aarts' email to the Mayor's Task Force on Community Housing.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor P. Calendino  
Chair

Councillor S. Dhaliwal  
Vice Chair

Copied to: City Manager Director Corporate Services Director Planning and Building
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**From:** John Aarts [mailto: ]  
**Sent:** November-18-18 10:08 AM  
**To:** 'John Aarts'; Clerks  
**Subject:** CORRECTION: Burnaby rental housing crisis - Possible solution for consideration

Mayor and Council of Burnaby  
c/o Office of the City Clerk

Congratulations with your newly elected positions.

Burnaby rental housing crisis - Possible solution for consideration.

During the Mayoral election in Vancouver, the following was reported by Frances Bula Vancouver Special to The Globe and Mail, Published October 12, 2018, Updated October 13, 2018, under the heading: "In the Vancouver election, it's all about housing."

"The Non-Partisan Association's mayoral candidate Ken Sim has talked about allowing two basement suites in every house as a short-term fix that could provide 40,000 new homes, with a promise to conduct a citywide planning process that would establish where new development can go."

Could this approach or variations of it be considered by the City of Burnaby? As a student years ago, I spent happy years living in a rented bedroom of a regular house. There is an opportunity to create a great supply of rental accommodations in existing and new houses, if there is a will to do so.

Regards,  
John Aarts

Burnaby

Referred to:  
Planning and Development Committee (2018.12.11)  
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Dir. Corporate Services  
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