

NOTICE OF MOTION
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Building BC Fund

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia's "Building BC Fund" has allocated \$7 billion towards building new homes for BC citizens in need, and has 20,000 units constructed or in progress; and

WHEREAS the government has announced there will not be another opportunity to apply for these funds until 2020; and

WHEREAS even when funds are allocated, planning and construction can take several years to accomplish; and

WHEREAS previous governments have in the past purchased existing affordable rental properties, and converted them over time into social housing complexes; and

WHEREAS Hillside Gardens in the Edmonds area (NDP government) and Chelsea Heights at Confederation Park (Liberal government) are two Burnaby examples of properties purchased and converted to needed social housing; and

WHEREAS these properties could assist with the urgent need for affordable rental housing, and themselves could eventually be redeveloped when new housing comes on stream;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Burnaby City Council, call upon the Province of British Columbia to consider developing a program for the purchase of purpose built rental buildings to be converted into low-rent social housing, for the benefit of those currently waiting for appropriate affordable housing.

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