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The District of North Vancouver REPORT TO COUNCIL

March 4, 2019

AUTHOR: Jim Hanson, Councillor

SUBJECT: **Prioritizing District-owned residential-rental housing for non-profit organizations**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT staff is directed to develop a policy requiring the District to prioritize District-owned rental housing for non-profit organizations.

REASON FOR REPORT:

The District administers a number of rental properties that are owned by the District. These properties have been acquired by the District under a variety of circumstances and for a variety of long-term purposes. In the short term, in some cases, these properties are being rented out for residential use.

At the same time, there are a number of non-profit organizations in the District who require housing for social purposes. One of these, by way of example only, is the Marineview Housing Society who require housing for the purpose of housing persons who require supportive mental health care. Marineview, among other organizations, require rental-housing in order to address social needs in our community.

ANALYSIS:

To the extent that the District owns and rents out residential housing our community would be best served by that residential rental housing being offered to non-profit organizations to fulfill a social mandate.

Conclusion:

Where the District owns residential properties that are being rented, it would be in the community's best interest to have these properties rented out to non-profit organizations.

I therefore request that staff prepare an appropriate policy.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Hanson
Councillor

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