

# HOUSING ACTION PLAN & NEEDS ASSESSMENT WORK PLAN 2020



|                       | ACTION   | TIMELINE |        |        |        |        | PRIORITY BY COUNCIL & HOUSING COMMITTEE<br>(1-4*) |
|-----------------------|--|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|
|                       |  | YEAR 1   | YEAR 2 | YEAR 3 | YEAR 4 | YEAR 5 |   |
| <b>Setting Policy</b> | #1 Develop a Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy to increase tenant protection and compensation in the event of renovation or redevelopment.   | ✓        |        |        |        |        | 1   |
|                       | #2 Introduce an Adaptable Housing Policy and propose a minimum adaptable or accessible unit requirements for all new developments.   | ✓        | ✓      |        |        |        | 2   |
|                       | #3 Establish a Revitalization Tax Exemption (RTE) program to incentivize property owners to make property improvements without transferring cost to renters.   |          |        | ✓      | ✓      |        | 3   |
| <b>Partnerships</b>   | #14 Convene a working session with BC Housing, Haisla Nation, DOK and Northern Health to collaborate on housing and healthcare-related initiatives, with a priority be addressing housing for those with an immediate risk of homelessness and hard-to-house persons | ✓        |        |        |        |        | 1   |
|                       | #7 Promote demonstration initiatives with local builders, developers, and homeowners to showcase the ability to create housing options through renovations to older housing stock.   | ✓        | ✓      |        |        |        | 2   |
|                       | #11 Facilitate partnerships with UNBC and Coast Mountain College to provide building program students with internships in Kitimat.   | ✓        | ✓      |        |        |        | 2   |
|                       | #9 Support policies and practices that allow renters to keep pets.   | ✓        | ✓      |        |        |        | 2   |
|                       | #12 Discuss the possibility of opening a Community Shed in association with the Kitimat Senior Citizens Association.   |          |        | ✓      | ✓      |        | 3   |
|                       | #8 Support tenant readiness initiatives.   |          |        | ✓      | ✓      |        | 3   |
|                       | #10 Maintain close relationships with industry partners in Kitimat and the surrounding area to ensure information about key housing indicators is shared collectively.   | ✓        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | 4 (ongoing)                                       |

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|                      | #13 Consider strategies to encourage additional commercial amenities in Kitimat.   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 4 (ongoing) |
| Awareness & Advocacy | #15 Advocate to BC Housing for continued funding for a Housing Resource Worker and additional rent supplements for persons experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, homelessness. | ✓ |   |   |   |   | 1           |
|                      | #18 Advocate to Northern Health (NH) for additional assisted living and long-term care facilities in Kitimat.  | ✓ |   |   |   |   | 1           |
|                      | #17 Provide information and outreach on housing programs and funding opportunities to community members.   |   |   |   |   | ✓ | 4           |
|                      | #16 Continue to monitor vacancy rates and work with LNG Canada to publish vacancy rate data every three months.  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 4 (ongoing) |

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| Regulatory Measures | #5 Consider accessible ground-oriented housing forms where feasible, such as accessory dwelling units.                                    | ✓ | ✓ |  |  |  | 2 |
|                     | #4 Support innovative housing forms such as pocket neighbourhoods to increase housing choice and ensure older residents can age-in-place. | ✓ | ✓ |  |  |  | 2 |
| Financial Measures  | #6 Change bylaw to allow Affordable Housing Fund to finance operation-related expenditures.   | ✓ |   |  |  |  | 1 |

\*Priority 1 = Immediate; Priority 2 = Short Term; Priority 3 = Medium Term; Priority 4 = Long Term or Ongoing

