



**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025**

Agenda Item 10.1	Report – Complete Communities Study and Housing Focused Official Community Plan Update (7.2.59)	Page 3	Email received January 4, 2025 from Lani Gibson regarding Report 10.1.
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From: Lani Gibson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: January 3, 2025 5:31 PM
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Subject: Question for Monday night meeting

Dear Mayor and Council,

Your agenda package contains a report on a Housing Focused OCP update. In theory, a good idea. However, many years of work - including many hours of volunteer time and community engagement - went into the preparation of the existing HAPNA, which has not been successfully implemented by any reasonable measure.

Looking at the December 21, 2020 HAPNA work plan posted on your website, it seem that only one item - the tenant relocation policy - has been completed out of 18 items scheduled to be implemented over four years, and we are over three years into that time span. <https://www.kitimat.ca/en/municipal-hall/resources/Documents/Project-Updates/HAPNA/2020-12-21-HAPNA-Work-Plan-2020.pdf>

It becomes frustrating for volunteers and community members when so much work goes into documents like these and then they aren't implemented. If Council no longer intends to implement the HAPNA work plan, that should be communicated publicly and the report removed from the website.

It's also frustrating for tax payers to see so much time go into reports, when there seem to be capacity issues around implementation by staff and meaningful oversight by Council of these kinds of high level strategic planning documents.

Could you please address this on Monday evening when you discuss the Housing OCP update report to give the public some insight into your intentions regarding the HAPNA work plan?

I think it would be very helpful for Council to meet with staff on a regular basis - quarterly or semi-annually - to provide oversight on the implementation of Council's strategic plan and other key planning documents such as the HAPNA.

The lack of a process for consistent oversight of the implementation of plans such as the HAPNA is a gap which in my view, significantly holds Council back from its full leadership potential.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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