



The Corporation of the
District of Central Saanich

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Honourable Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
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Via email: HMA.minister@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance
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Dear Ministers Boyle and Bailey,

RE: Request for Dedicated Provincial Funding to Support Municipalities That Achieve Provincially Mandated Housing Targets

On behalf of the Council of the District of Central Saanich, I am writing to acknowledge the Province of British Columbia's leadership in addressing the housing crisis through the establishment of mandatory housing targets for local governments. We share the Province's commitment to increasing housing supply and supporting complete, livable communities across British Columbia.

The District of Central Saanich has proactively responded to provincial housing initiatives and requirements. Council and staff have undertaken significant planning, policy, and regulatory work to facilitate increased housing supply, including substantive housing-related land use policy changes, zoning bylaw amendments, and updates to our Official Community Plan. These actions required considerable municipal resources and reflect Council's strong commitment to meeting, and in several cases exceeding, our provincially mandated housing targets.

While Central Saanich is proud of its progress, the rapid pace and scale of housing delivery required to meet provincial targets generates corresponding growth-related pressures on municipal operations, neighbourhood livability, and community infrastructure. Increased development activity places added demands on staff capacity, traffic and transportation systems, water, sewer, stormwater, and utility infrastructure, as well as parks, recreation facilities, and other public amenities that support a high quality of life.

Local governments that demonstrate leadership and compliance with provincial housing mandates play a critical role in achieving shared provincial objectives. To that end, Council respectfully requests that the Province establish a dedicated funding stream for municipalities that have successfully implemented housing-enabling policy and regulatory changes and achieved or exceeded their housing targets. Such a program would recognize municipal leadership, incentivize continued housing creation, and ensure communities have the tools necessary to manage growth responsibly.

Specifically, the District of Central Saanich urges the Province to consider funding that may be allocated to:

- Municipal operational capacity, including staffing and systems required to manage increased development activity and service demands;
- Neighbourhood infrastructure improvements, such as traffic calming initiatives, pedestrian safety enhancements, and active transportation infrastructure;
- Civil infrastructure upgrades, including water, sewer, stormwater, and utility capacity expansions required to support additional housing; and
- Public amenities, including parks, recreation facilities, community spaces, and other infrastructure that contributes to complete, livable, and resilient neighbourhoods.

Central Saanich has demonstrated strong alignment with provincial housing objectives through timely policy implementation and regulatory reform. However, without dedicated growth-related funding, municipalities risk falling behind in delivering the infrastructure and services needed to support the very housing supply the Province seeks to accelerate.

We would welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with the Province to further refine this approach and to share Central Saanich's experience as a community that has embraced housing reform. Council also intends to share this correspondence with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and neighbouring local governments to support broader regional and provincial advocacy on this matter.

Thank you for your continued partnership and leadership in addressing British Columbia's housing challenges. We look forward to your consideration of this request and to ongoing collaboration to support sustainable growth and livable communities. Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact our Director of Planning and Building Services, at Jarret.Matanowitsch@csaanich.ca.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ryan Windsor

cc: Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)