



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: ENDORSEMENT OF THE FCM NATIONAL ACTION PLAN ON
HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council endorse the Metro Vancouver Board position on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities report titled "Sustaining the Momentum: Recommendations for a National Action Plan on Housing and Homelessness.
2. **THAT** Council endorse the recommendations set out in the above noted report referenced in recommendation #1.
3. **THAT** Council stress that the proposed targets for the number of affordable housing units and transitional and supportive housing units must be considered minimum targets and requests that the FCM review and update the targets annually or as new information becomes available.
4. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to Metro Vancouver and Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

REPORT

The Community Development Committee, at its open meeting held on 2008 April 22, received a letter (attachment A) from Metro Vancouver regarding the Metro Vancouver Board endorsement of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities report titled "Sustaining the Momentum: Recommendation for a National Action Plan on Housing and Homelessness." The letter encouraged all municipalities to review the report and consider endorsement of the FCM recommendations.

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To: His Worship, the Mayor and Councillors
From: Community Development Committee
Re: Recommended City Initiatives - Affordable Housing
and Homelessness
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The Committee advised that the FCM report sets out a national action plan for addressing issues related to housing affordability and homelessness and calls for a renewed funding commitment from the Federal Government. The Metro Vancouver letter was accompanied by a Metro Vancouver staff report on the FCM report. Additional information on the FCM report is provided in the report "Recommended City Initiatives – Affordable Housing and Homelessness" also appearing on this Council agenda. The Committee further advised that the FCM recommendations are consistent with those put forward in the City of Burnaby report.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor C. Jordan
Chair

Councillor D. Johnston
Vice Chair

Councillor G. Evans
Member



Attachment A

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March 25, 2008

Mayor Derek Corrigan and Members of Council
City of Burnaby
Burnaby City Hall
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC V5G 1M2

Dear Mayor Corrigan and Members of Council:

Re: Endorsement of the FCM National Action Plan on Housing and Homelessness

At its meeting on February 29, 2008, the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors endorsed the recommendations in the *National Action Plan on Housing and Homelessness*, which was prepared by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. In reviewing the report, the Board believes that the proposed targets for the number of affordable housing units and transitional and supportive housing units should be considered minimum targets and has requested that FCM review and update the targets annually, or as new information becomes available.

Given the importance of the issue of housing affordability and homelessness within the Metro Vancouver context and the need for stable and predictable funding from senior levels of government, the Board would like to encourage your municipality to review the report prepared by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and urge you to consider endorsement of the recommendations.

Yours truly,

Lois E. Jackson
Chair, Metro Vancouver Board
LEJ/LC/eg

Enclosures:

- * 1. FCM Report released January 23, 2008 title "Sustaining the Momentum: Recommendations for a National Action Plan on Housing and Homelessness"
- * 2. Metro Vancouver Board Submission dated February 15, 2008 titled "Endorsement of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities National Action Plan on Housing and Homelessness"

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* Enclosures provided
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