



## Memo to Council

### From the Office of Councillor Amy Lubik

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Date: May 9, 2022

Subject: Opportunities for Consultation with Affordable Housing Experts

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Affordable housing has been a key concern for council. Port Moody has achieved some great successes, including, but not limited to, our inclusionary zoning policy, family friendly housing policy, and much advocacy. However, through our housing needs assessment, we realize there is much still to do, and we need to include all the tools in our toolbox that we can find, including investigating new ideas.

During the investigations of the Affordable Housing Task Force, experts, including, the Cooperative Housing Federation of BC, were invited to present to council on what they do, giving council and staff an opportunity to investigate whether there were opportunities to leverage their knowledge to meet our goals. Recently, much conversation has been in the new regarding pre-zoning and inclusionary zoning. Dr. Patrick Condon of UBC has been writing extensively about the possibility of capturing rezoning value for affordable housing creation<sup>1</sup>; therefore, inviting him to present would give council and staff an opportunity to hear about these new ideas and ask questions about how they might be applied in the Port Moody context. Similarly, Red House Solutions<sup>2</sup> is a BC Based firm that specializes in the creation of non-profit housing. They provide services to help with financial stewardship of partnerships including not for profit organizations, co-op housing, unions, faith groups, and municipalities; therefore, it may be useful for council and staff to hear from them about the services they offer and potential partnerships, if desired.

#### Suggested Recommendation:

THAT Staff be directed to invite Dr. Patrick Condon to present to Council as a delegation or at Committee of the Whole, to discuss his research on pre-zoning and affordable housing overlay;

AND THAT staff invite Red House Solutions to present to Council as a delegation or at Committee of the Whole, on their services regarding support for the creation of affordable housing.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.planningreport.com/2021/02/18/patrick-condon-density-affordability-hungry-dogs-land-price-speculation>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.redhouse.solutions/about>