



## Report to Council

### From the Office of Councillor Hunter Madsen

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Date: September 21, 2020

Subject: Request to Extend House Size and Siting Task Force and Post Public Survey

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#### Purpose

To seek Council approval to extend the formal Terms of Reference for this task force to complete its project by December 2020, and to direct staff to post a survey on the City website and gather further public input regarding key issues of home size and siting in Port Moody.

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#### Recommendation

**THAT the House Size and Siting Task Force term mandate be extended until December 2020 as recommended in the report dated September 21, 2020 from Councillor Hunter Madsen, Chair of the House Size and Siting Task Force, regarding Request to Extend House Size and Siting Task Force and Post Public Survey;**

**AND THAT staff be directed to post the Task Force's proposed survey for public input.**

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#### Background

Council formed a House Size and Siting Task Force in summer 2019 to consider issues of large home size in the city, solicit public input on these issues, assess best practices across other municipalities, and identify possible improvements to the City's related bylaws for Council consideration. The task force has undertaken investigation across all areas of its mandate, and has gathered valuable data and public input related to its subject, which included a public town hall event on the subject organized by the Pleasantside Community Association in June 2019. Even so, the task force's project had not yet been completed as of December 2019 (the formal term end date, under the existing Terms of Reference), and further task force work was temporarily suspended for much of the first half of 2020 due to focus on pandemic issues.

#### Discussion

This summer, the task force resumed operation and seeks now to conclude its work and issue its recommendations for Council consideration by the end of year 2020. To this end, the team requests two interim steps from Council.

First, the task force requests revision of the term date in its terms of reference, from December 2019 to December 2020, as shown in the attached draft (**Attachment 1**), so that task force work may continue and complete its work.

Second, the task force requests that Council direct staff to post and promote its proposed Port Moody Home Size & Siting Survey (**Attachment 2**) on the City's public website as soon as possible, and forward public response to the task force for evaluation and consideration in the task force's final recommendations to Council. Note that, in the updated terms of reference (**Attachment 1**) this report has highlighted in red those questions approved by Council for inquiry that will be covered by this survey format.

## Other Option

Council could decide not to extend the term of this task force, or Council could extend the term but not support the posting of the proposed survey.

## Financial Implications

Minimal.

## Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

The task force survey will need to be posted and, in various ways, promoted on the City's website and possibly elsewhere to be determined.

## Council Strategic Plan Objectives

The goals of the HSS Task Force support Council's Strategic Plan:

Priority #3 – Community Evolution: Ensure future community growth is carefully considered and strategically managed consistent with the targets approved in our Official Community Plan. And: Look for creative ways to enable diverse housing forms.

Priority #4 – Healthy City: Ensure that available housing meets the community's needs.

## Attachments

1. HSS Task Force – Proposed amendment to Terms of Reference.
2. Port Moody Home Size & Siting Survey – Proposed survey content.