



# REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: FN-BRD-032

From: Amber Vieweg, Investment Officer

Date: December 1, 2020

**Subject: PRRD Housing Needs Assessment Engagement Update**

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## **RECOMMENDATION: *[Corporate Unweighted]***

That the Regional Board receive the report titled "PRRD Housing Needs Assessment Engagement Update, FN-BRD-032" for discussion.

## **BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

### Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholder engagement is nearing completion. However, a second phase of interviews is being undertaken by Urban Matters to ensure that all interested organizations have appropriate time to participate.

To date, 29 stakeholders have been engaged: six through focus groups, and 23 through interviews. This includes 10 non-profit service or housing providers, seven institutional partners (education or health care), two real estate agents, six representatives from neighboring First Nations, three Electoral Area Directors, and one community association representative. This level of response from stakeholders is typical of engagement in smaller and rural communities.

Urban Matters is currently endeavoring to reach out to and interview organizations that could not participate in the first round of engagement in order to ensure appropriate geographic representation and a fulsome understanding of all issues present in each community. This engagement is planned between December 7 and January 15.

### UBCM Grant Extension

In order to meet the requested level of engagement, an extension on the project's grant deadline was requested. On December 2, UBCM granted the PRRD an extension on the project's completion date which is now March 31, 2021 with final reporting requirements to be submitted no later than April 30, 2021.

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

**STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:**

- ☒ Partnerships
  - ☒ Collaboration with Local and First Nations governments
- ☒ Advocacy
  - ☒ Senior's Housing – Needs Assessment and Investment

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

To date, we have received fifty percent of the \$140,000 Provincial grant funding from Union of BC Municipalities, with the remaining 50% available after a satisfactory final report and financial summary has been submitted to the Union of BC Municipalities by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**

None.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

None.