

PRRD Housing Needs Report Project Updates March 11th, 2021



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Overview

- Round 2 Stakeholder Interviews
- Updated Housing Needs Reports
- Policy Report – to be presented March 25th

Round 2 Stakeholder Interviews

- Less than desired response rate in Round 1 (Summer to Fall 2020) – challenges with timing and availability of stakeholders.
- Round 2 of stakeholder interviews was conducted between December 2020 and January 2021.
- Purpose of Round 2 was to ensure stakeholders across the region were able to participate, ensuring increased comprehensiveness of the study.
- Forty-seven stakeholders were contacted a minimum of twice in Round 2. Twenty-two interviews were completed.
- The list of stakeholders contacted for Round 2 included those that were invited but did not participate in Round 1 as well as additional stakeholders suggested by municipal and PRRD representatives.

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Interviews Completed in Round 2

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| • Chetwynd Mental Health & Addictions Community Program | • Hudson's Hope Library |
| • Community Living BC – Dawson Creek | • Linda Walker – Rental Property Manager |
| • Dawson Creek Native Housing | • Nawican Friendship Centre |
| • Dawson Creek Salvation Army | • Pouce Coupe Community Church |
| • Dawson Creek Society for Community Living | • Pouce Coupe Food Bank |
| • Director Brad Sperling | • Prespatou Farmer's Institute |
| • Director Dan Rose | • South Peace Community Resource Society |
| • Director Leonard Hiebert | • Swan Lake Enhancement Society |
| • Friends of Hudson's Hope | • Tomslake Cultural Community Association |
| • FSJ Association for Community Living | • Tower Lake Community Centre |
| • FSJ Women's Resource Society | • Upper Pine School |

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Updated Housing Needs Reports

- Updated reports now include community focused qualitative information in the front of the document, followed by quantitative data.
- Reports now include feedback collected from stakeholders in Round 2 interviews.
- Round 2 feedback was consistent with messaging from Round 1 interviews, but added depth and reliability to the findings.
- Key themes reinforced through Round 2 feedback included the need for regional responses to:
 - Affordable housing
 - Supportive housing
 - Senior housing and support services
 - Homelessness support services

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Policy Report

- Currently under development – draft report to be presented to PRRD Board at the March 25th meeting.
- Feedback will be sought from the PRRD board on recommended policies and refined with support from municipal and PRRD staff before finalization, when another presentation will take place.
- If the reports are received today, these can be submitted to UBCM for completion of this requirement and to fulfill granting requirements.

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Next Steps

- Board and Councils to receive reports
- Draft policy report and recommendations – March 24th
- Work with staff working group to finalize report – April
- Presentation of final report and recommendations - May

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Thank you.
Questions?

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