



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-162

From: Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer

Date: March 11, 2021

Subject: Final Housing Needs Reports

RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board receive the report titled 'Final Housing Needs Reports – ADM-BRD-162,' which provides the Housing Needs Reports for the Electoral Area's for discussion; and that the reports, as presented, be received in accordance with Section 585.31 of the Local Government Act; and further that these reports be published to the PRRD website, which is publicly and freely accessible.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The Housing Needs Reports provide detailed assessments of relevant housing related data for Electoral Areas B, C, D and E. Dawson Creek, Pouce Coupe, Chetwynd, and Hudson's Hope were participating member municipalities in the Housing Needs Assessments. The purpose of the reports is to establish a clear understanding of housing needs in the Electoral Areas prior to the development of future policy considerations.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Advocacy
- ☒ Senior's Housing – Needs Assessment and Investment

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

The Peace River Regional District (PRRD) received the \$140,000 Housing Needs Report Grant through the Provincial Housing Needs Report Funding Program, administered by the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM). Half of the grant has been received by the PRRD and the remaining amount will be received after a satisfactory final report and financial summary has been submitted to the UBCM.

The Regional Board awarded RFP 08-2020 'Housing Needs Assessment' to Urban Matters for a total cost of 196,722 (excluding GST).

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

The Final Housing Needs Reports will be posted to the PRRD website.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

Matt Thomson with Urban Matters will attend the March 25, 2021 Board Meeting to discuss policy and action items.

Attachments:

1. Electoral Area B Report
2. Electoral Area C Report
3. Electoral Area D Report
4. Electoral Area E Report