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The Honourable Ravi Kahlon
Minister of Housing
Room 248 Parliament Buildings
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Via email: HOUS.minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Kahlon:

RE: INCLUSION OF ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF HOUSING WITHIN THE BC BUILDING CODE

At the July 12, 2023, Capital Regional District (CRD) Board meeting a Resolution was passed to advocate to the Province for a review of inclusion of alternative or unconventional forms of housing within the BC Building Code.

There is a widespread desire in our electoral areas for simpler, less expensive forms of housing. This is evident in the increasing amount of "tiny homes", yurts and other non-conforming dwellings that are being constructed and occupied without permits and approvals. Respecting the need for building code compliance for all forms of housing, we request that the Province consider provisions in the BC Building Code that would allow for the construction of smaller, simpler alternative housing forms.

Including provisions in the BC Building Code that would allow some alternative forms of housing would assist with the creation of more housing units in the capital region.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Colin Plant
Chair, Capital Regional District Board

cc: CRD Board
Ted Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD
Kevin Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services, CRD