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To:

* Burnaby Homeless

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Hi Carol-Ann and Teresa!

Thank you for the questions, I am very thankful that the last council was able to make some welcomed moves in this area - with shelters finally in place or under construction.

Part of the housing issue is lack of units built specifically for accessibility, support, and general affordable (30% income RGI programs) housing in the city. Current 20% rentals in new build is a start and rents only zoning … but the city can partner with non profits, land trusts, other levels government - to use city land long term leases to lower construction costs making building more affordable for these vulnerable housing needs.

A city housing authority who’s job it is to work on affordable housing and fast track permits, look for grants and funding.

Directing staff to Take recommendations from the BCNPHA and organizations such as yours to find the solutions to the Burnaby needs.

I don’t know enough about vacancy control & at first glance it looks like a good tool to keep Reno-victims and “relative moving in “ evictions down.

Would recommend some more research from other cities that have this.

Extreme weather response …, short term - more heating & cooling facilities for the city - include all public spaces as possible not just community centres. Find or make arrangements with commercial spaces that maybe empty at the time, etc

Also for those communities with limited mobility & low income, try different suggestions like portable ac lending library.

Longer term City /hydro /development collaboration for heat pumps in new buildings etc & buildings built to be able to live in with all the ac/heat needs built in.

Food security- increase and allow community Gardens anywhere in burnaby, work with already formed garden groups and agricultural programs in local schools/ university to promote and show how to grow food.

Have city gardens grow food for food insecure/ food banks etc.

Would love to see local CSA use front lawns etc.

I’m sure there are more ideas and the city can’t be closed minded - they need to be open to all ideas to help make Burnaby better

Thanks for all you do.

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