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From: Hannah, Jeff GCPE:EX <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>;
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Subject: RE: MLA Olsen request - Tiny homes and Salt Spring Island

A couple small suggested edits from me, but it looks good!

Jeff

From: Madoc-Jones, Sian HOUS:EX <Sian.MadocJones@gov.bc.ca/A>;
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 9:27 AM
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Looks good to me! Tx Jesse

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Subject: RE: MLA Olsen request - Tiny homes and Salt Spring Island

Hi team,

Here's my first crack at this note, please take a look and edit as needed!

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From: Laura McLeod <lmcleod@bchousing.org>
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Subject: RE: MLA Olsen request - Tiny homes and Salt Spring Island

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Hi Siân, Théa,

Please find below some information on tiny homes for MLA Olson:

BC Housing is providing operational funding to several tiny homes transitional housing sites on Vancouver Island. These sites are the Walyaqil Tiny Shelter Village in Port Alberni (expected to open in February 2023), the Caledonia Tiny Homes Village in Victoria, and a tiny home village in Duncan. In all cases, the municipality was involved in site selection and/or provided the land, and the non-profit led on the planning and development, and obtained the capital funding for construction.

The major advantage with these types of projects is they can come together quickly to provide shelter for people to come indoors. However, BC Housing does not consider them to be a solution for long-term, purpose-built supportive housing and they do have some disadvantages.

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The Walyaqil Tiny Shelter Village project is expected to be ready for occupancy in the New Year. We can ask the operator, Port Alberni Friendship Centre, to organize a tour once the site has opened. Alternatively, MLA Olsen may wish to tour the site in Duncan which is similar and operated by Lookout Society.

As BCH did not lead on the design of this project, we do not have the requested details re: site layout, design drawings, or details around servicing, etc. However, Port Alberni Friendship Centre may be willing to share these details in the spirit of collaboration.

BC Housing continues to work to bring permanent supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness to Salt Spring Island. As you know, we have 20 temporary homes with supports at Kings Lane, and 28 units of permanent supportive housing underway at Drake Road. This is in addition to another 80 units of mixed market rental housing for low to middle income earners at Croftonbrook Phase 3 and 4, and Salt Spring Commons. We are also funding shelter beds at Inne from the Cold.

Confidential note: In the case of the Port Alberni project, BCH did provide a small amount of capital funding because the project was in jeopardy due to cost overruns. In the other cases, we have only provided operational funding and this is our typical stance. When the project opens in the New Year, this info will be made more public but at this time we prefer not to mention it as it is a departure from BCH's typical policy.

Thx!

Laura McLeod
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Sent: December 16, 2022 2:01 PM
To: Emma Talbott <etalbott@bchousing.org><
Subject: RE: BC Housing: Tiny homes in Port Alberni

Definitely not until the new year!! No more briefings in 2022 please and thank you. Except for all the ones that will actually happen next week.

And thanks for the reminder that you sent him an update today. He may not feel the need for a briefing but I will let you know.

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From: Emma Talbott <etalbott@bchousing.org><
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Subject: RE: BC Housing: Tiny homes in Port Alberni

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Hiya,

We'll be able to share some info with him and will send to you next week.
It would be good to note too that the project was developed on city-owned land, so there was buy in from the municipality for the site, and the TUP that was needed.
Will send you some stuff then so it's not in pieces.

Fair call – are you thinking in the new year for the briefing (fingers crossed).

He acknowledged the update this morning I sent to him, that I ran by you. We should have more info to share on community engagement plans and timing in hopefully mid-Jan. There's an updated IN that's being finalized on it; it might be with GCPE already – it not, it will be very soon.

Thanks,
Emma

From: Dowler, Thea HOUS:EX <Thea.Dowler@gov.bc.ca><
Sent: December 16, 2022 1:30 PM

To: Emma Talbott <etalbott@bchousing.org>
Subject: FW: BC Housing: Tiny homes in Port Alberni

Hello,

Please see the request below and let me know how much we can share with MLA Olsen.

As well, Siân and I are going to offer MLA Olsen a briefing on Saltspring since things seem to be changing on that project but we are hoping from an update from BCH to us beforehand. We will likely have MRK at that meeting as well.

Thanks,

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Subject: BC Housing: Tiny homes in Port Alberni

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Hello,

I was reading about the tiny homes pilot in Port Alberni ([Thirty new tiny shelters coming to Port Alberni | BC Gov News](#)). As you know there is a growing issue on Salt Spring Island and it has been incredibly challenging navigating the solutions BC Housing is offering and the potential to develop a creative solution that fits with the Gulf Islands. Can I get more information? Specifically,

1. A site layout of the project;
2. Design drawings of the units;
3. Details about servicing;
4. Tour of the facility prior to it opening in early 2023.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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