



To: Curtis Slingerland, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Evangeline Hanuse, Corporate Officer
Meeting Date: March 10, 2022
Subject: Housing Needs Assessment – Census Population Update

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Recommendation:

THAT Administration be directed to update the Housing Needs Assessment in July 2022 with the new household data and resubmit the final report to the Board of Directors and applicable agencies.

Background

At the last regular Board meeting the following resolution was carried:

22-02-22 M/S Directors Bertrand/Schooner THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District defers to Administration to write a report on the census and Housing Needs Assessment for the next regular Board meeting. **CARRIED**

Data was released in early February by Census Canada from last year’s census. The population in the central coast has increased significantly and more than what the trend had been between 2011 and 2016, which was the basis of the Housing Needs Assessment. Below are the population trends:

Central Coast population	Total
Population, 2021	3,582
Population, 2016	3,319
Population percentage change, 2016 to 2021	7.9

Discussion

Urban Systems recommended waiting to update the Housing Needs Assessment until July 2022, as additional information on households was being released then. The household data is crucial in determining projections of housing needs.

In response, Administration sought to extend the Housing Needs Assessment Grant from NDIT to pay for an updated appendix to the report with the new data. On February 28, 2022, NDIT approved that extension until August 31, 2022.

With the grant extension secured, it is recommended that the Housing Needs Assessment be updated with an Appendix that includes the new data.

Finance

It is forecasted that to add an addendum to the Housing Needs Assessment will cost \$3,000. The work would be paid for through the grant.

Other Options:

1. Update the Housing Needs Assessment in July with the new population and household data.
2. Update the Housing Need Assessment with just the population data.
3. Do not proceed with an update.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Evangeline Hanuse, Corporate Officer

Reviewed by:



Curtis Slingerland, Chief Administrative Officer