



December 17, 2024

Reference: 71698

His Worship Kevin Murdoch
and Members of Council
District of Oak Bay
2167 Oak Bay Avenue
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Email: mayor@oakbay.ca

Dear Mayor Murdoch and Members of Council:

Thank you for submitting the District of Oak Bay's first annual housing targets progress report. I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the report and appreciate the effort made in its preparation.

The District did not meet its first annual housing target of 56 net new units, delivering 16 net new units, or 29 per cent of its target.

After review of Oak Bay's Year 1 progress report, I have determined that the District has not met its one-year target and not made satisfactory progress toward achieving its housing target. Under the *Housing Supply Act*, an Advisor can be appointed to assess Oak Bay's actions and progress in housing development, including its policies, practices and processes — past, present, and planned.

The Housing Supply Regulation provides a municipality 30 days to submit written comments to me before an Advisor can be appointed. Should an Advisor be appointed, the scope of their review could include:

1. Reviewing the zoning bylaw for alignment with small scale multi-unit housing provincial policy guidance (including site standards), and other factors to determine if any aspects are deterring development.
2. Reviewing Council decisions regarding housing projects that have been turned down to assess validity of rationale, including decisions for Master Plan options regarding Carnarvon Park.

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3. Assessing whether appropriate municipal actions have been taken to support housing initiatives for the Capital Regional District regional growth strategy.
4. Confirming the number of units in-stream and not reported at a development approval stage during the reporting period.

Your response regarding the consideration to appoint an Advisor must be received within 30 days from the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ravi Kahlon', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Ravi Kahlon
Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

CC: Selina Williams, Chief Administrative Officer
Brian Green, Deputy Director of Community Building and Planning Services
Housing Targets Branch