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To: Mayor Grace and Members of Town of Goderich Council

From: Victor Kloeze, Planner

Date: March 16th, 2021

Re: Housing Workshop

RECOMMENDATION

That Council book a date and time for a special meeting for an approximately two hour workshop with staff from the Town and County, in order to discuss options for development policy alternatives to facilitate the building of residential units.

Thursday, April 22nd, 2021 from 4 to 6 pm is the staff recommended option, but alternate dates or times could be directed by Council.

BACKGROUND

At the March 8th 2021 Council meeting, Council received two reports with materials about the Housing Friendly Review of Planning Documents, called Housing Initiative – ‘Through a Housing Friendly Lens’. The recommendation was to schedule a Council Workshop to discuss the options and provide direction on implementation.

The next step in this process is to discuss recommended Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments with Town of Goderich Council. We are looking for Council to provide direction as to which of the options should be put forward for consideration under the Planning Act process (involving public consultation, public meetings, etc). The options will also include potential sites for ‘pre-zoning’.

The purpose of the proposed Council workshop is to discuss the 3 C’s: content of the amendment, communications strategy and consultation plan. It is important that the community be aware of and engaged in terms of the proposed changes and with the continued limitations on in-person meetings, different strategies will need to be considered.

Following the report being received for information, County and Town staff discussed Council and Committee schedules and selected April 22nd from 4 to 6 pm as an option for the workshop.

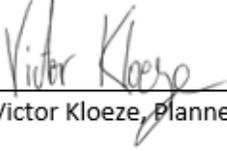
Others Consulted

- Janice Hallahan, CAO
- Andrea Fisher, Clerk / Planning Coordinator
- Jason Dykstra, Chief Building Official
- Denise Van Amersfoort, Senior Planner

SUMMARY

Huron County is experiencing a housing crisis; the goal of this project is to ensure that the planning framework is designed to facilitate the building of residential units to meet future and the current needs of our community.

Sincerely,

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Victor Kloeze, Planner, MCIP RPP