

NSV - Neighbourhoods for a Sustainable Vancouver

May 15, 2012

Mayor Robertson and Councillors
City of Vancouver
453 West 12 Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1V4

Dear Mayor Robertson and Councillors,

Re: Item 2 - May 15, 2012 - 1:30 pm - Secured Market Rental Housing Policy

Neighbourhoods for a Sustainable (NSV) agrees that building new rental housing is important, however, NSV is **opposed** to the Secured Market Rental Housing Policy as proposed.

There has been no public consultation on the proposals in the report even though this will set the policies affecting properties city-wide.

Approval of the report would also set directions for future work that includes changes to many zoning bylaws across the city and give broad discretionary power to the Director of Planning without requirements for public hearings.

We see many problems with the proposal and recommend the following:

That Council receive this report for information.

That Council direct staff to work with the public to consult on the proposals and report back with alternative options for providing market rental housing.

Please reconsider this policy proposal that would have a broad impact on the city without first engaging public consultation and discussion of various other options to provide more rental housing.

Sincerely,

The Steering Committee
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