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## Appendix A

### Housing Needs Reports Project

#### Summary of Activities

In 2018, the Provincial Government passed *Bill 18 – 2018: Local Government Statutes (Housing Needs Reports) Amendment Act, 2018* which required local governments to develop housing needs reports on a regular basis. The reports are intended to strengthen the ability of local governments to understand what kinds of housing are most needed in their communities, and help inform the development and implementation of official community plans and regional growth strategies.

In 2020, the Capital Regional District (CRD) received a grant of \$150,000 from the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Housing Needs Reports Program to support 11 municipalities and electoral areas in creating reports that meet the provincial requirements.

The project was facilitated through Regional Housing and supported by the Development Planning Advisory Committee (DPAC).

Through a Request for Proposal process, Urban Matters was chosen as the successful consultant to complete 11 distinct Housing Needs Reports for each participating local government. The consultants analyzed, summarized and organized data provided by the Province, added data where necessary and completed engagement with key stakeholders.

Staff from each local authority was responsible for working with the consultant to finalize each report and facilitate its presentation to the local government's governing body.

#### Results

The project was completed under budget and each completed report can be viewed by clicking the links below. The date each local government received their respective reports is also shown below. This meets grant program requirements and a final report is being prepared for submission to UBCM.

[Township of Esquimalt](#) - November 9, 2020  
[District of Central Saanich](#) - November 16, 2020  
[District of Highlands](#) - November 16, 2020  
[District of Saanich](#) - November 16, 2020  
[Salt Spring Island](#) - November 26, 2020  
[City of Victoria](#) - December 3, 2020  
[District of North Saanich](#) - December 7, 2020  
[City of Langford](#) - December 7, 2020  
[City of Colwood](#) - December 14, 2020  
[Juan de Fuca Planning Area](#) - January 13, 2021  
[District of Metchosin](#) - February 1, 2021

#### Potential Future Collaboration

Through engagement with DPAC, all local government entities in the capital region have indicated the desire to collaborate on the ongoing updating of these reports and develop a sustainable and accessible data reporting approach to housing information in the region.