CITY OF VICTORIA

Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 24, 2018

Date: May 16, 2018

From: Councillor Jeremy Loveday and Councillor Ben Isitt

Subject: Implementing Residential Rental Zoning

Background:

The Legislative Assembly of British Columbia has approved legislation amending the Local Government Act to empower local governments to adopt zoning bylaws that limit the form of tenure to residential rental tenure.

The amendments, embodied in Bill 23, the Local Government Statutes (Residential Rental Tenure Zoning) Amendment Act, 2018 (attached), includes the authority to limit the form of tenure to residential rental tenure in relation to a specified number, portion or percentage of housing units in a building. The legislation also specifies that lawful rental bylaws of strata corporations or lawful rules of housing cooperatives are not affected by zoning bylaws in relation to residential rental tenure. The bill received third reading on May 14, 2018, and (at the time of submission of this report) was awaiting royal assent.

In the context of the housing affordability crisis in the City of Victoria and Capital Region, as well as Council's commitments to housing affordability and inclusivity in the Strategic Plan 2015-2018 and the Official Community Plan, 2012, it is recommended that Council direct staff to review the legislation and report back on a priority basis on next steps for the development of Residential Rental Tenure Zones in the City of Victoria.

Recommendations:

That Council direct staff to report back at the next Quarterly Update on the resource implications of undertaking the following action:

> That staff be directed to review the Local Government Statutes (Residential Rental Tenure Zoning) Amendment Act, 2018, and report back on a priority basis on next steps for implementing Residential Rental Tenure Zones within the City of Victoria.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Loveday

Councillor Isitt

Attachment:
1. Local Government Statutes (Residential Rental Tenure Zoning) Amendment Act, 2018