



Council Member Motion

For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 23rd, 2023

To: Committee of the Whole
From: Councillor Gardiner

Date: November 17th, 2023

Subject: BC Government Bills/Act concerning Land-use and housing development proposals

BACKGROUND

BC Government Bills/Acts concerning Land-use:

- During 2023, we have seen Bills/Acts related to land use brought forward by the BC Government; Bills 34, 35, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47 with regulations to come.
- Bills **43, 44, 46 and 47** are directed to new builds or developments with residential components.
- The impacts on Victoria will be significant, and greater on our City than on our lightly densified neighbouring municipalities with some having significantly larger land base.

While the proposed changes created by Bills 43, 44, and 46 have been referenced in open discussion, fulsome discussion at Council has not occurred and public consultation and opportunity for input at an open forum has also not occurred.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council direct staff to schedule an evening Public Forum at a Council meeting in early 2024 and that at the Public Forum:

- staff present details and their interpretations of Bills 43, 44, 46 and 47 and their assessment as to the 'fit' with the City's Missing Middle Housing bylaw and likely impacts of the housing stock throughout the City.
- the public be provided the opportunity to speak at the Forum as per the current Public Hearing rules.

Respectfully submitted,

A blue ink signature of Councillor Gardiner, consisting of a stylized 'G' followed by a horizontal line.

Councillor Gardiner