



March 27, 2026

Reference: 190071

His Worship Kevin Murdoch
and Members of Council
District of Oak Bay
2167 Oak Bay Avenue
Email: mayor@oakbay.ca

Dear Mayor Murdoch and Members of Council:

Thank you for submitting the District of Oak Bay's second annual housing target progress report. I confirm receipt of the report and appreciate the effort made in its preparation.

I acknowledge that bylaw amendments for both directives issued to the District on July 24, 2025, were adopted by Council on November 10, 2025. Staff reports and the consolidated Development Application Procedures Bylaw and Parking Facilities Bylaw were submitted to the Ministry by the District on November 14, 2025. I have now reviewed the content of the bylaw amendments and confirm that the District is compliant with both directives. Thank you for your commitment to working with the Province to promptly implement the Directives.

While the District did not meet its Year 2 housing target of 138 net-new units, I acknowledge the delivery of 36 net-new units, representing 26 per cent of the target. I note the District's active development pipeline, including 69 building permit applications and 22 rezoning applications. I also note that there are an additional 32 in-stream applications that, if approved and built, could provide a total of 242 new units, including 118 units from the Camosun College Lansdowne Campus student housing project.

I commend the District's completed actions, including endorsement of the 2024 Interim Housing Needs Report, scoping of 12 improvement initiatives and an implementation plan for development approval processes, hiring two new senior planners, and further refinements to the Zoning Bylaw in relation to Small Scale, Multi-Unit Housing and updating the Official Community Plan, which I note was adopted by Council at the December 12, 2025 meeting. These actions demonstrate the District's commitment to enabling housing for its anticipated 20-year housing need of 3,761 additional units.

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To support continued progress and ensure transparency during implementation, I am requesting that the District submit interim reports for the following periods:

1. October 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, due April 17, 2026.
2. January 1, 2026, to March 31, 2026, due May 15, 2026.
3. April 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026, due August 14, 2026.

Reports are to be submitted to the Housing Targets Branch at Housing.Targets@gov.bc.ca and should provide updates on the following initiatives that have the potential to support development and improve housing delivery:

- Net-new units delivered during the interim reporting period.
- Number of applications and the estimated number of proposed units withdrawn by the applicant or not approved by Council for rezoning or development permits. Please include a description of each application, processing time, and why each project was withdrawn or not approved. For any files subject to the Uplands Design Guidelines, include whether they were supported by staff or the Advisory Design Panel.
- Status of the 12 improvement initiatives to optimize development processes. Please include information on efforts to acquire funding for implementation of the initiative.
- Number of delegated variance decisions and the corresponding number of net-new units enabled.
- Status of further updates to the Official Community Plan to address amendments to the Land Use Framework Map and any other identified changes.
- Status of work to develop a Master Plan and advance development of the Cedar Hills Corner site.

Thank you again for the time and attention taken by your staff to prepare the Year 2 progress report. I look forward to receiving your first interim report by April 17, 2026.

Sincerely,



Christine Boyle
Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

cc: Teri Collins, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs
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