

CITY OF BURNABY COUNCIL IN BRIEF

July 24, 2023

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» **[6.1 Community and Social Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Strategy Development](#)**

City Council directed staff to create a community and social infrastructure needs assessment and strategy, and work with developers to plan a new community resource centre in the Lougheed Town Centre. This strategy would support the City's ongoing commitment to ensure community and social infrastructure (such as schools, hospitals, libraries, community centres and parks) keeps pace with population growth in Burnaby.

» **[6.3 REZ #22-04 - Purpose Built Rental Townhouse Development - Edmonds Town Centre Plan](#)**

City Council voted to approve the first reading of a rezoning application which would create 92 non-market rental units and 91 market rental townhouses in the Edmonds Town Centre. Burnaby residents will have the opportunity to share their thoughts on the proposed development at a future Public Hearing.

» **[7.1 Executive Committee of Council - Re: National Day For Truth and Reconciliation Event - Funding Contribution](#)**

City Council approved a funding contribution of \$3,000 to support the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation event hosted by the Spirit of the Children Society. Similar contributions for future fiscal years will also be included in the City's annual budget moving forward.

» **[7.6 Financial Management Committee - RE: MRDT Renewal](#)**

City Council directed staff to make an application to the Province for an increase in the Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) rate and to use MRDT net revenue from Online Accommodation Platforms (such as Airbnb) for affordable housing initiatives. The MRDT applies to the sale of short-term accommodations (such as hotels and online accommodation platforms), and is currently used to fund local tourism marketing, programs and projects.

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