

Motion

That staff provide commentary regarding the number of residential Rezoning, Development Permit and Building Permit received each year since 2017. That where possible, statistical data be provided to indicate the number of dwelling units involved each year broken down by Land Use (i.e. single-family, duplex/triplex, townhouse, and apartment). That information and commentary be provided regarding the overall application review processes including an analysis of application review timelines, the identification of any items that impact the City's ability to advance applications in a timely manner and potential sources of Provincial and Federal funding to improve processes. That staff also identify any existing or proposed actions being undertaken to create efficiencies within the overall application review process.

Rationale

There have been several recent media stories and comments, including many by Minister Eby, related to housing affordability in general. One area, in particular, that has garnered attention is applications, including review times, processing and the impacts that delays in the application process may have on housing affordability. The recent Federal budget also emphasizes several aspects related to housing affordability including process and policy. This motion is intended to provide a better understanding of Richmond's application processes as it relates to the concerns expressed by others.