



May 31, 2023

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Joseph Fernandez
Chief Administrative Officer
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RE: Notification of Housing Supply Act and Regulations

Dear Joseph Fernandez,

I am writing to notify you that the *Housing Supply Act* (Act) passed by the BC Legislative Assembly on November 24, 2022, has been brought into force by Regulation on May 31, 2023. The Act facilitates more housing supply by giving the Province authority to set housing targets in consultation with specified municipalities (which are identified in Regulation) and to monitor municipalities' actions and progress toward meeting those targets.

The Act is being implemented in a phased approach, with cohorts of 8-10 municipalities establishing targets every six to eight months. The first cohort of ten municipalities has been selected based on an independent assessment ranking dimensions of housing availability, affordability, and urgent housing need.

The Town of Lake Cowichan has been identified as a specified municipality in the Housing Supply Regulation, but has not been selected as part of the first cohort; however, it *may* be subject to a housing target assessment as part of a future cohort.

If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Penz at rebecca.penz@gov.bc.ca or 236.478.3630.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bindi Sawchuk".

Bindi Sawchuk
Assistant Deputy Minister
Housing and Land Use Policy

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Enclosure/Attachment

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Link:

BC Housing Supply Act:

<https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/bills/billsprevious/3rd42nd:gov43-1>