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The Honourable Christine Boyle
Minister of Housing & Municipal Affairs
Office of the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

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Dear Minister Boyle,

RE: Coquitlam's Six Month Interim Progress Report for Housing Target Order

On March 30, 2026, City staff presented Council with Coquitlam's six-month progress report on the Housing Target Order, covering September 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026 (Attachment 1). In that short period, the City has secured 1,032 net new units - surpassing the entire Year 1 target of 972 net new units. This achievement is significant, and is a direct result of Coquitlam's long-standing leadership in fostering housing development, with the original approval of those 1,032 new units pre-dating the Provincial housing target order and other Provincial legislative interventions.

Coquitlam has been a leader in housing development, known for innovation in urban design, promoting complete communities, and streamlining processes with a focused commitment to support housing growth. The City has adopted progressive land use policies, ensured ample land use capacity in the Official Community Plan, implemented a robust rental incentive program, and maintained a solid record of approvals and permits issued.

As of December 31, 2025, the City had more than 11,800 approved housing units that have not yet applied for building permits, demonstrating that Coquitlam continues to approve significantly more housing than the market is currently delivering. Many of these units are held up by macroeconomic factors beyond the City's control. We implore the Province to support the housing sector to deliver this needed housing by creating a supportive economic environment that ensures the viability of these projects and will enable these to proceed.

While we will adhere to the process and requirements of the HTO, it must be highlighted that without provincial funding support, the various ancillary supportive, non-market, below-market and even rental housing guidelines will never be realized. These guidelines are further challenged with the Province's decision to eliminate essential programs, such as the Community Housing Fund, which has been crucial to advance affordable housing units in Coquitlam. At the same time, Coquitlam remains critically underserved with the infrastructure and amenities under provincial mandate (health care, education, transportation and transit) that residents rely on – pressures that will only intensify with the expected scale and pace of housing growth over the next two decades. Further detail on the specific commitments required from the Province is outlined on page 4 and in attachment 2 of the attached progress report.

Coquitlam remains committed to advancing housing supply and affordability and to working collaboratively to meet shared housing goals. The City respectfully urges the Province to meaningfully invest in affordable housing, infrastructure and community amenities, in collaboration with local governments to continue to support complete and livable communities.

Sincerely,



Richard Stewart
Mayor of Coquitlam

Attachments:

1. [Report to Council dated March 30, 2026 and entitled "Housing Target Order: Six-Month Interim Progress Report"](#)
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Hon. Jennifer Whiteside, MLA New Westminster-Coquitlam
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