SCRD Housing Needs Report (2024)



The province recently introduced new requirements for Housing Needs Reports. The Sunshine Coast Regional District ("SCRD") is required to prepare a Housing Needs Report ("HNR") by January 1, 2025 that identify five- and 20-year housing needs based on a methodology prescribed by the Province.

For more information please see page 5 of the report for an explanation on what an HNR is and why it is necessary for SCRD. Additional information can also be found on the provincial website:



BC Housing Needs Reports Overview



HNR Method Technical Guidance

The purpose of a Housing Needs Report is to:

- √ Help communities better understand their current and future housing needs.
- Identify existing and projected gaps in housing supply.
- ✓ Inform land use planning and future housing strategies and action plans.

Key Findings

930 New housing units in five years

To address housing shortages, 930 additional housing units are needed within the next five years.

In the five years from 2016 to 2021, a total of 420 new housing units were constructed.

The number of new units required over the next five years will need to more than double the previous five years to meet the total five-year housing demand of 930 additional units.

More information about estimated housing targets can be found in section 4.6 of the report and figure 10.



3,018 New housing units in 20 years

The estimated amount of new housing units needed in the next 20 years is 3,018.

In the past 20 years, from 2001 to 2021, 1,705 new housing units were constructed.

To achieve the 20-year housing demand targets, new housing units constructed will need to almost double the previous 20 years.

More information about estimated housing targets can be found in section 4.6 of the report and figure 10.



Key Takeaways

The findings of this HNR are intended to provide the SCRD with an understanding of the housing needs within the study area. This understanding will be used to inform future plans and initiatives by the SCRD, including identifying strategies to address these needs, determining the locations and sizes of new developments in the area and the services needed to support growth in a cost-effective and sustainable way.