

September 16, 2024

Rod Risling Town of Osoyoos 8707 Main Street Osoyoos BC V0H 1V0

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Dear Rod Risling:

Thank you for the Town of Osoyoos' application for an extension to the small-scale multiunit housing (SSMUH) zoning bylaw requirements pursuant to section 786 of the *Local Government Act* ("Act"), submitted to the Province on May 17, 2024. I apologize for the delay in responding.

I have considered the application in accordance with the legislation. The extension requested is granted for water infrastructure upgrades. You must adopt a zoning bylaw that complies with section 481.3 of the Act in relation to the areas for which an extension has been granted by December 31, 2029.

As with all new legislation, the Province will be monitoring the SSMUH framework closely to ensure it is working as intended. We strongly encourage the Town of Osoyoos to prioritize the infrastructure upgrades associated with the extension. I know that infrastructure work takes time, but the Province expects local governments to work with us in tackling the housing crisis and providing more homes for people. To date, the majority of communities throughout BC have adopted SSMUH legislation through the passing of local bylaws. Given the urgency of the housing crisis, while an extension is being granted, I urge the Town of Osoyoos to adopt a SSMUH-compliant bylaw at its earliest opportunity.

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Sincerely,

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Minister of Housing

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