

FIRST NATIONS REFERRALS ON THE HOUSING CHOICE PROGRAM

Referrals on the program were sent in March 2022 to the səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation, the Sk̓wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation), the x̓məθk̓wəy̓əm (Musqueam) Indian Band, and the k̓w̓ik̓wəł̓əm (Kwikwetlem) First Nation, on whose territories Burnaby is located. The referrals provided information on the proposed housing types and forthcoming consultation activities and invited comments and/or other engagement.

The səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation and the k̓w̓ik̓wəł̓əm (Kwikwetlem) First Nation had no comments at that time, but asked to receive updates on the program. The Sk̓wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) had the following comments:

Our Climate Action Managers recommend the proponent consider the implementation of climate resilient standards (e.g., HEPA smoke filters, passive cooling, and increased storm water drainage capacity) and ensure the building design regulations incorporate future climate impacts (increased temperatures, increased risk to fire and smoke, increased rainfall and wind, as well as changes to external flood risks). We also recommend regulations ensure buildings are designed to net zero carbon emissions (considering clean power/heat, building envelope, renewables, and embodied carbon) and the highest sustainability standards (including considerations for water conservation, storm water management, waste management, transportation, environmental conservation, and food security).

- » *We request further detail around how the project will seek to meet sustainability and climate standards.*
- » *Our preference would be for more affordable housing options (such as the smaller units you mentioned) over single family homes - from both a sustainability and equity perspective.*

These comments are being considered in preparing the draft program recommendations. Staff will seek further input from the host First Nations on the draft program recommendations to ensure that they reflect their priorities.

