

## DRAFT RESOLUTION

Re: Micro suite Building Requirements

THAT Council directs staff to review current micro suite building policies and requirements as outlined in the City of Kelowna's Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw No. 12375.

### BACKGROUND:

Mayor Dyas indicated their intent to bring forward a resolution to review the current requirements and data regarding the development of micro suites on December 9, 2024.

### MAYOR DYAS COMMENTS:

The City of Kelowna's current micro suite building requirements include provisions such as minimum and maximum unit sizes, parking requirements, and design standards to ensure livability and integration with the surrounding neighborhood. These regulations are designed to provide affordable housing options while maintaining the quality of life for residents.

Given the increasing demand for affordable housing and the trend towards smaller living spaces, it is essential to periodically review and update our building requirements to ensure they align with best practices in urban design and sustainability. A review of the data on micro suites in Kelowna along with the building requirements and construction will help to:

1. Assess the effectiveness of existing regulations in achieving the city's housing goals, including affordability.
2. Identify any challenges or limitations faced by developers and architects in complying with these requirements.
3. Explore opportunities to enhance the livability of micro suites, including building amenities as well as infrastructure implications.
4. Ensure that the regulations support the city's broader objectives of creating vibrant, livable, and sustainable urban spaces.

A thorough review of the micro suite building requirements and data will ensure that Kelowna continues to develop in a way that is both affordable and sustainable, contributing to the overall quality of life for our residents.

Date: January 27, 2025