



THE CORPORATION OF DELTA

From the office of:

George V. Harvie
Chief Administrative Officer

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Dear Property Owner,

Re: Secondary Suite Program Update

At the beginning of 2017, the Corporation of Delta applied changes to the Secondary Suite Program. Since implementing these changes, the Corporation of Delta has received and reviewed feedback from the community. This information has been shared with Mayor Lois E. Jackson and Delta Council, who have worked with staff to develop a new direction for the Secondary Suite Program that is sustainable, equitable, and fairly recognizes the different ways property owners utilize their secondary suites.

As a result, Delta has adjusted the changes to the Secondary Suite Program accordingly:

- To reduce the financial impact on property owners who live in the property and do not generate rental income from their secondary suites, Secondary Suite Declarations will continue to be accepted in 2017.
- The \$300 annual reduction in flat rate utility fees will continue to be offered to secondary suites with an Occupancy Permit.
- The annual secondary suite fee of \$300 is eliminated.
- All existing unmetered suites will have a water meter installed, at no cost to the property owner, by the end of 2018, with priority given to those who signed a Secondary Suite Declaration. By 2019, all properties with secondary suites will pay water and sewer charges based on consumption.

Delta staff will report on a proposal to establish a \$50 annual business licence fee in 2018 that will only affect property owners whose secondary suites are in compliance with Delta's regulations and generate rental income.

On behalf of Mayor Lois E. Jackson and Delta Council, thank you to all of the residents who provided feedback on the Secondary Suites Program. We invite you to stay engaged by visiting Delta.ca/Suites, by calling us directly at 604-946-3235 or by email to taxation@delta.ca.

Yours truly,

George V. Harvie
Chief Administrative Officer

