COMMUNICATION 131062
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Topic: Interim Control By-law Timelines

SUMMARY
On May 14, 2019 an Interim Control By-law was passed limiting the height of stacked townhouses, apartments, triplexes and quadplexes within the Interim Control By-law Study area to 28 feet. This by-law is set to expire May 14, 2020 unless it is extended. Currently a by-law has been drafted for Council approval to ensure that the extension occurs. Council has asked staff to provide a timeline for the completion of the Interim Control By-law.

COMMENT
The Interim Control By-law Study has been prepared and prior to the COVID-19 emergency, staff and Council were attempting to determine a date for an education session on the study. It would be difficult, although not impossible, to have the education session through a Zoom meeting. The preference at this time, particularly given the potential loosening of some regulations, is to wait to meet until the ban is lifted.

Assuming the Province loosens its emergency provisions regarding meetings near the end of May, the Planning Department suggests the following:

End of May 2020 - Education session to be held with respect to the findings of the preliminary Interim Control By-law Study.

June 9, 2020 - The Planning Department brings forward the Interim Control By-law Study and the options it presents for discussion at Committee of the Whole. A staff recommendation will be made at this time.

June 23, 2020 – If Council approves the staff recommendation, we can continue working through the option chosen. The final report can then be completed and a Development Permit Amendment application will commence. The process for approval of the DPA will include an Open House and Public Meeting.

Completion date expected end of September baring any appeals.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
THAT the staff report outlining a timeframe for completion of the Interim Control By-law Study be accepted as information.