



# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

## Multi-Unit Housing Project

Neighbour Road

Closing Date and Time: **May 30, 2025 4p.m.** Local Time

Project Contact:

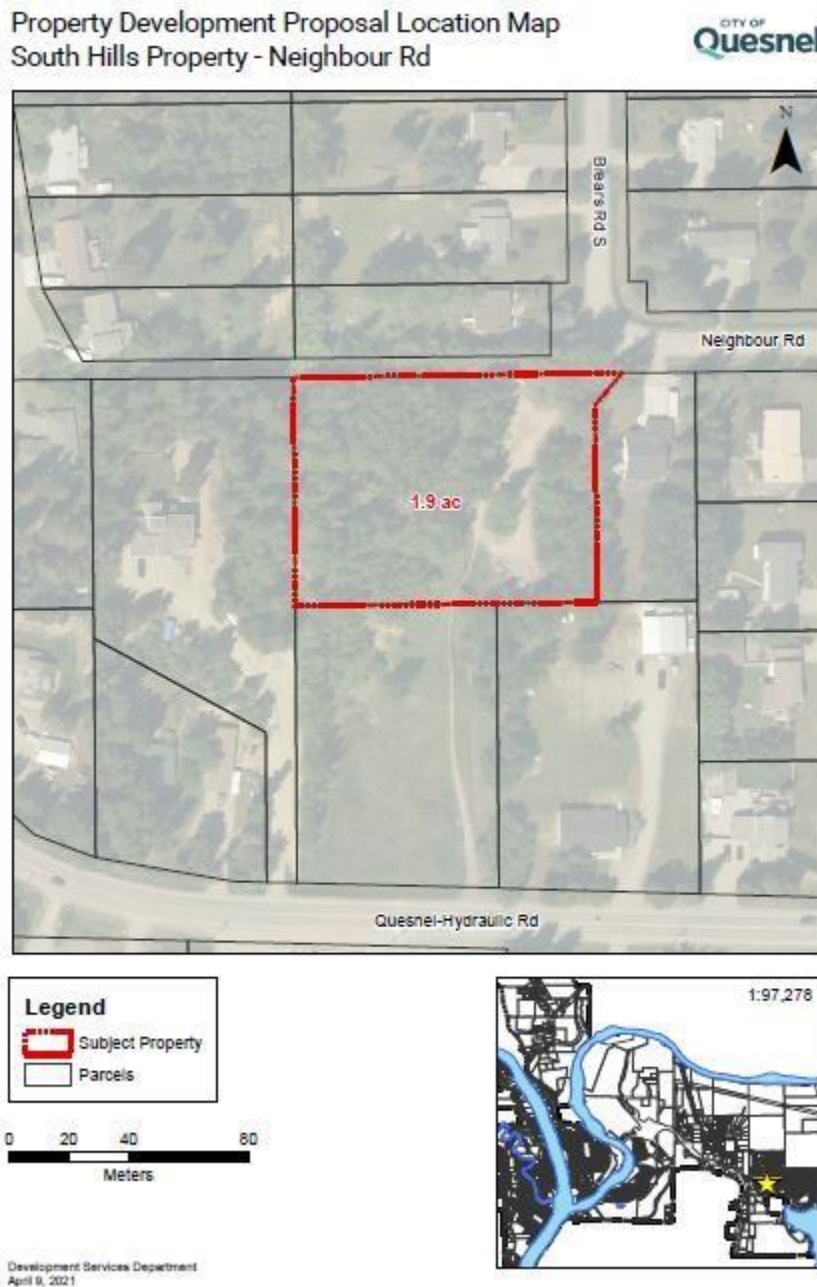
Tanya Turner, Director of Development Services

## 1.0 Introduction

The City of Quesnel is seeking proposals from interested parties for the acquisition of a City-owned parcel of land for development of multi-unit housing.

Southills Neighborhood – Neighbour Road LOT 1 DISTRICT LOT 5443 CARIBOO DISTRICT PLAN 34453

This parcel is 1.9 acres at the north east corner of the residential neighbourhood of Southills on eastern most end of Neighbour Road.



This request for proposal is intended to address the City's interest in increasing the supply of market multi-unit housing throughout the City.

## 2.0 Property Details

The property is currently zoned RM-1 (Multi-Unit Residential (Low Density)). The lot is served by City water and CRD sewer. A fire hydrant may be required. This is a 1.9 acres parcel, a short walk from the neighbourhood school with a park close by. There are two decommissioned wells on the site and corresponding water lines remain in ground. A natural gulch exists on the land that is not riparian. A right of way corridor for access to the school will be requested to be retained through the property.

## 3.0 City Objectives

### 3.1 Housing Needs

The primary objective of the City of Quesnel is to encourage and support a range of housing choices essential in supporting a healthy, livable community. To that end, projects should address the needs identified in the [Housing Needs Assessment, Gap Analysis and Action Plan](#) for market housing. Excerpted below are the priority objectives for this funding opportunity:

- Enhance the supply of entry-level housing for young adults/professionals and senior-appropriate housing
- Enhance supply of rental housing
- Facilitate rental housing supply
- Facilitate workforce housing
- Facilitate new development on selected parcels
- Prepare for anticipated growth in population aged 65 and over
- Ensure adequate accessibility in housing for seniors

### 3.2 Official Community Plan

Housing is an essential ingredient to attracting, retaining and sustaining the people who work and live in Quesnel. Housing needs are diverse across different household types, arrangements, income levels, and livability requirements. In Quesnel, demographics are changing with an aging population. Quesnel is also looking to attract skilled workers, professionals and students to the city who also have housing needs. Please refer to the City of Quesnel's Official Community Plan which provides a number of objectives for development and land use the City is striving to achieve. This document should be referenced in developing a proposal.

Construction of well-designed, attractive and livable developments that contribute to the existing distinctive character and identity of Quesnel. For more on design refer to S. 7.1.7 of the OCP with particular attention to:

- Promoting interesting, pedestrian friendly streetscape design and pedestrian linkages.
- Integrate site and design with existing significant natural features, topography and vegetation.
- Site and building design shall incorporate Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles to eliminate places of concealment and to reduce opportunities for crime.
- The siting, scale and massing of buildings should be consistent with existing adjacent development, prevailing neighbourhood character, and future land uses.
- Design should include varied and interesting facades, including a variety of roof lines, roof cover over entry points, balconies and porches.
- Design developments with multiple buildings such that there is a sense of architectural unity or cohesiveness.
- Incorporate ground oriented units into residential buildings located along public streets.
- Large surface parking areas should be broken into smaller groups, with landscaping between the groups of parking.
- Ensure building access that is universally accessible and available to those with mobility impairments.
- Provide secured and weather protected bike parking in the form of a cage or locked room where bicycles can be fastened to a rack.

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### 3.3 City of Quesnel Zoning Bylaw

#### 16.1 Principal Uses

The following principal uses and no others are permitted in the RM-1 zone

- (a) Apartment dwelling
- (b) Assisted residential living
- (c) Congregate housing dwelling
- (d) Group home dwelling
- (e) Fourplex dwelling
- (f) Threeplex dwelling
- (g) Townhouse dwelling

Maximum density 40 dwelling units per ha (16 dwelling units per ac). The City is open to development proposals that increase density while providing quality site design and neighbourhood integration. Current zoning:

[https://www.quesnel.ca/sites/default/files/city-hall/bylawspolicies/bylaws/zoning\\_bylaw\\_1880\\_schedule\\_a\\_final.pdf](https://www.quesnel.ca/sites/default/files/city-hall/bylawspolicies/bylaws/zoning_bylaw_1880_schedule_a_final.pdf)

## 4.0 Submission of Proposals

An electronic proposal must be submitted by the deadline of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 4pm to Tanya Turner, Director of Development Services at [tturner@quesnel.ca](mailto:tturner@quesnel.ca). Submittals should have a subject line of Proposal for Multi-Unit Housing Project and expect to receive an e-mail confirmation of receipt from Tanya Turner.

### 4.1 Submissions to include:

- a. Offer on land
- b. Identify how it meets HAP objectives (S. 3.1 above)
- c. Site and building concept plans
- d. Project timeline
- e. Description of development team
- f. References
- g. Business case
- h. Property management experience

## 5.0 Review Process Criteria for Selection

Proposals will be reviewed by City Staff and referred to City Council for final approval of proposal selection and property disbursement approval.

### 5.1 Evaluation of Proposals

Proposals will be evaluated, and developers will be selected based on the following criteria:

		Points
Offer on Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dollar value offered to City for land.</li></ul>	20

Meets HAP Objectives (S. 3.1 above)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhance the supply of entry-level housing for young adults/professionals and senior-appropriate housing</li> <li>Enhance supply of rental housing</li> <li>Facilitate workforce housing</li> <li>Facilitate new development on selected parcels</li> <li>Prepare for anticipated growth in population aged 65 and over</li> <li>Ensure adequate accessibility in housing for seniors</li> </ul> <p>Must meet two or more for eligibility</p>	<p>Must meet.</p> <p>No points.</p>
Concept and site plans show suitability of project to surrounding area and high construction quality and design.	See section 3 above.	20
Development Team Capability and Track Record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has identified an experienced development team</li> <li>Development team has completed a similar sized project</li> <li>Proven ability to secure financing</li> <li>Schedule of development completed 5 points each</li> </ul>	15
Quality of References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualification and experience in providing the proposed development as exemplified by past projects by the development team.</li> <li>Points provided for quality and applicability of references.</li> </ul>	5
Feasibility	<p>Business case showing minimally:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total project costs;</li> <li>Return on investment;</li> <li>Anticipated time frame to complete project.</li> <li>Project risks.</li> </ul>	20
Property Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has proven experience with property management or has identified an experienced property management company</li> </ul>	20
	TOTAL	100

## 5.2 Contract Negotiations

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to accept the proposal deemed most favorable in the interests of the City. The City reserves the right to extend the deadline for applications.

The City will require an option to repurchase the property if the development does not proceed within one year or the development does not continue to completion.

The City may, in its absolute discretion, reject a proposal submitted by the proponent if the proponent, or any officer or director of the proponent, is or has been engaged either directly or indirectly through another corporation in legal action against the City, its elected or appointed officers and employees in relation to any other Contract for works or services or any matter arising from the Owner's exercise of its powers, duties or functions.

The RFP process does not commit the City in any way to select a proponent, or award or negotiate any contract. The City reserves the right to cancel this project for any reason whatsoever without any future obligations.

The City may accept or waive a minor and inconsequential irregularity where practicable to do so. The City may, as a condition of acceptance of the Proposal, request a Proponent to correct a minor and inconsequential irregularity with no change in the Proposal.

The determination of what is or is not a minor and inconsequential irregularity, the determination of whether to accept, waive, or require correction of an irregularity, and the final determination of the validity, will be at the sole discretion of the City.

The successful proponent by its acceptance of a negotiated agreement and purchase order, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City, its elected officials, agents and employees, from and against all loss or expense that may be incurred by the City, its officials, officers, employees and agents as a result of bodily injury, including death sustained by any person or persons, or on account of damage to property including loss of use thereof arising out of or as a consequence of the performance of the work stipulated in the RFP and any negotiated agreement.

## 5.3 Questions/Contact Person

Questions concerning this proposal, the application, or the review process may be directed to:

Tanya Turner, Director of Development Services  
410 Kinchant Street, Quesnel BC V2J 7J5  
[tturner@quesnel.ca](mailto:tturner@quesnel.ca) (p) 250 992-2111.

#### 5.4 Key Dates

Following are the key target dates and events with respect to this RFP process. Such dates are not guaranteed and may change based upon circumstances. This RFP may extend if no suitable applications are received by the deadline.

ACTIVITY	DATE
Receive Proposals by	March 3, 2025
Proposal acceptance	March 14, 2025
Contract of purchase and sale	April 4, 2025