

Feedback Received on Proposed Approach for Incentives

Feedback received from the Saskatoon and Region Home Builders' Association, the Saskatchewan Realtors Association, and Rental Housing Saskatchewan included the following comments:

- New adaptive reuse incentives should be focused on supporting new housing units.
- Brownfield incentive should capture incentives to support remediation efforts and not only the completion of studies.
- Incentives should be focused in priority growth areas, including City Centre and Corridor Growth Areas.
- Incentives that support residential development have a positive direct impact on affordability.
- Ensure there is adequate funding and resources allocated to support uptake. For example, remediation of a brownfield site can be costly and if the incentive being offered is too small, this may not help to move the needle on remediation efforts for a site.
- Costs to develop a site are incurred upfront, and as such, tax abatements are not always a preferred incentive as these costs are not recouped until after development has occurred.
- Potential approaches to managing the incentive programs were also provided.

The Downtown, Broadway, Riversdale and Sutherland BIDs have also been advised of the proposed approach and will be further engaged on incentives as the options and policy continues to be developed and/or refined.