Number of Units Administered by BC Housing in the Regional District of Nanaimo by Target Client Type – March 2015

Data from BC Housing’s subsidized housing listing\(^1\) of non-profit housing units show that the number of non-profit housing units in the RDN increased slightly from a total of 1,542 units in 2014 to 1,590 units in 2015. In addition to non-profit housing units, between 2014 and 2015, BC Housing data shows an increase from 1,128 to 1,205 in the number of households receiving a housing subsidy through the rental assistance programs in the private market. Included in these programs are the Shelter Aid for Elderly Residents (SAFER) for seniors and the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) for families.

As of March 2015, the City of Nanaimo accounted for approximately 83% of the BC Housing registered units followed by the City of Parksville with 14% and Town of Qualicum Beach with 3%. Those receiving housing subsidies through the rental assistance program are also more concentrated in urban areas (approximately 70% Nanaimo, 14% Parksville and 7% Town of Qualicum Beach).

The majority of BC Housing units in the RDN are designated for low income and frail seniors followed by low income families (see below). Together with rental assistance housing subsidies, seniors account for the largest proportion of housing supported by BC Housing in the RDN.

\(^{*}\) BC Housing only tracks housing units where we have a financial relationship. There may be other subsidized housing units in the community.

\(^1\) Source: BC Housing, Research and Corporate Planning Department - October 2015