## VICTORIA RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

## Community Builders... Building Communities

June 6, 2023

Mayor Tobias and Council 45 View Royal Avenue Victoria, BC V9B 1A6

Dear Mayor and Council,

## New Business: Imposition of a Six Month Moratorium on Rezoning

The Victoria Residential Builders Association strongly opposes a moratorium on rezoning and new development.

There has been no consultation with industry and the impact a moratorium will have on planned developments, including costs, employment and housing supply.

View Royal's planning staff provide professional advice to council on issues involving strategic planning, growth, environment, rezonings and Official Community Plan. In addition, rezonings are already subject to public hearings and must be approved by council.

A moratorium is unnecessary and will only add to the shortage in housing and a lack of affordability.

Also, a moratorium is contrary to the spirit and intent of the Ministry of Housing's recent announcement to address housing supply and affordability.

If you require additional information, feel free to contact me at 250-383-5044.

Sincerely,

Casey Edge

**Executive Director** 

cc Hon. Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing