

## NEWS RELEASE

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Oak Bay Municipal Hall

### **Oak Bay Survey on Secondary Suites sent to all homeowners, but not to renters.**

OAK BAY, B.C.- Homeowners will receive a survey on secondary suites with this year's tax notice. This is part of the review Oak Bay has taken on its Secondary Suite policy. At this point, secondary suites are illegal in Oak Bay. Most other municipalities in the region already have a policy or are currently reviewing the issue.

“Oak Bay renters input is valued. We know that 25% of Oak Bay residents are renters, so we are hoping that they will be able to take the time and come into the Municipal Hall.” says Committee Chair Nils Jensen. “My concern is that we want to hear from all members of our community.”

Renters will need to come to the Municipal Hall, during regular business hours, and show their ID to fill in the same survey.

“The committee has been very sincere in its attempts to invite community input. We have heard from members of the community at every stage in our initial review, including two community consultations that were organized into small group discussion so that we could hear from everyone” says Councillor Jensen.

The information gathered from the community consultations formed part of the survey.

The deadline for residents to send back the survey is July 10, 2009

An interim report will be presented to Council in June. The final report will be presented to Council in the Fall. This will include the results of the survey.

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### **More information**

For further information on Oak Bay's Review Committee on Secondary Suites, please check the website [www.oakbaybc.org](http://www.oakbaybc.org)

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