Vancouver’s affordable-housing plans sit unfinished

Politicians claim lower-cost housing to be a priority despite mixed ground of development

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I t looked as though Vancouver was about to see a wave of lower-cost housing that would make a dent in its shortage a few years ago. But the plans were announced by city or various non-profits in great fanfare in the first half of 2018.

Since then, the city council approved only a fraction of the non-profit units that were supposed to be built and cut or cost-cut through VAHA. The city’s politics on non-profit housing was still a major factor in the approval of the city’s infill projects.

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