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Metropolitan Out-Migration: More than a COVID-19 Movement

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Introduction

- The movement to non-metropolitan BC is not new
- Media has reported that this movement has grown due to COVID-19
- Is non-metropolitan BC ready?
- The opportunities for planners – exciting, challenging, rewarding

Housing



Old



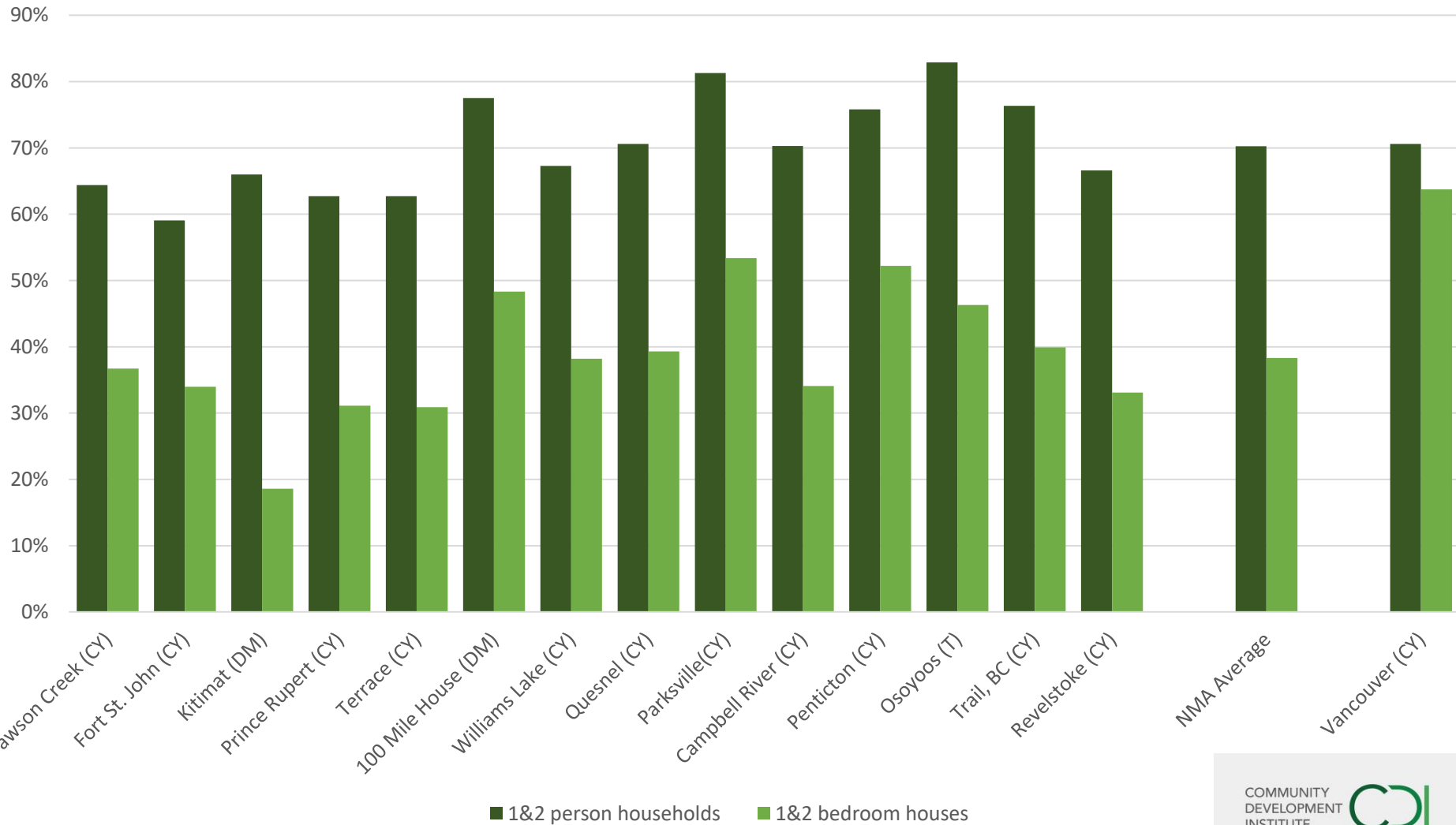
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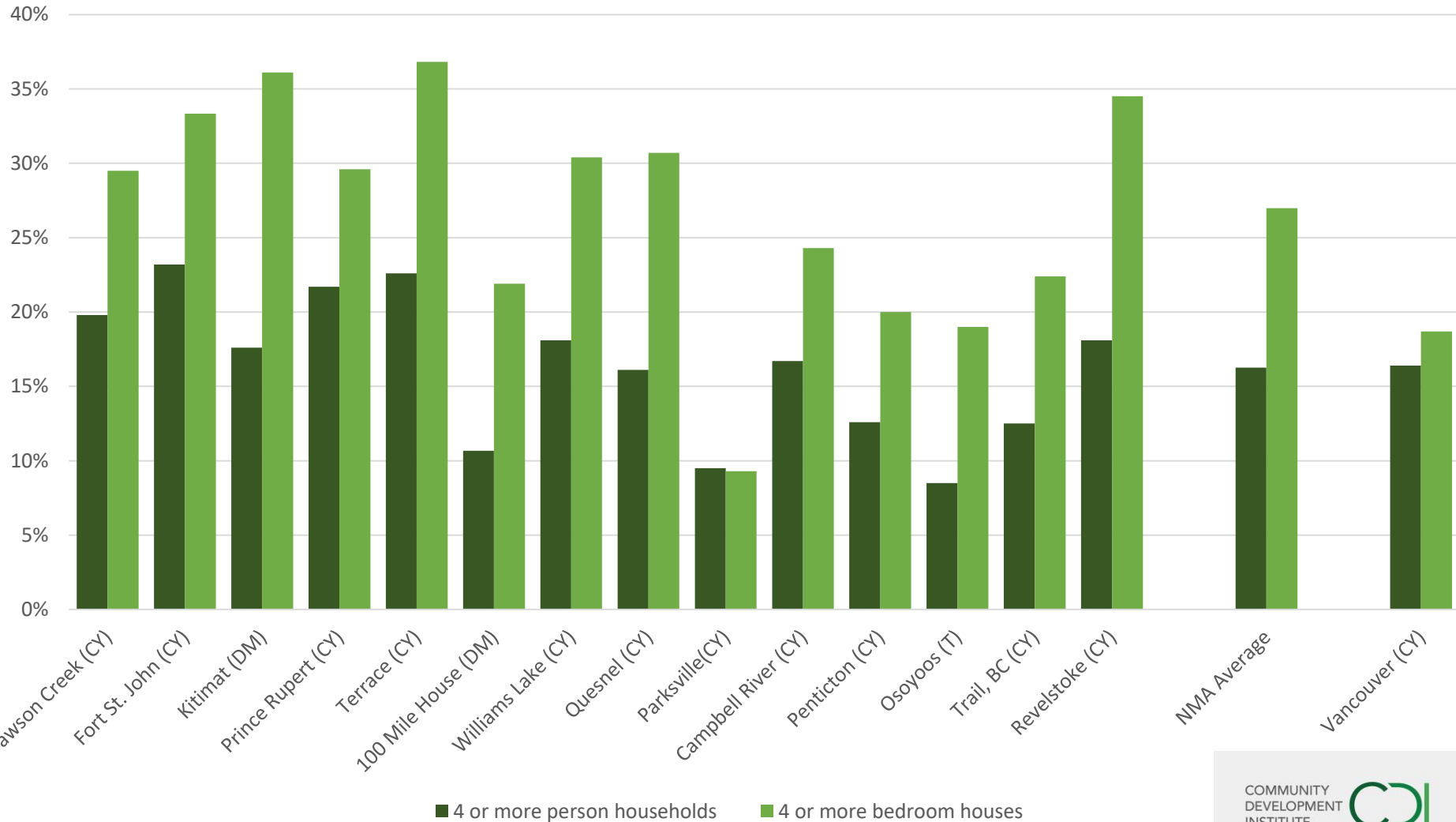
Not What People Want



1&2 Person Households vs. 1&2 Bedroom Houses, 2016



4+ Person Households vs. 4+ Bedroom Houses, 2016



Housing Solutions for Non-Metropolitan Communities

- Conversion, renovation, revitalization of existing stock
 - Energy efficiency
 - Modern design
 - Smaller households
- Build new
 - Consider household lifecycle and housing choices

Neighbourhoods



Visionary Neighbourhoods



Work to Do



Infrastructure



Communications Infrastructure



Transportation Infrastructure



Public Service Infrastructure



Summary

- Metropolitan out-migration was already underway before COVID-19
- Housing is the lynchpin for non-metropolitan success
 - Revitalize existing
 - Build new
- Neighbourhoods that support neighbourliness
- Infrastructure that facilitates 21st Century living and working

Resources

- Building Foundations for the Future: Housing, community development, and economic opportunity in non-metropolitan Canada
 - Addendum Report: BC Community Sample
 - www.unbc.ca/community-development-institute
- Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation
 - COVID-19 Resources
 - <https://crrf.ca/covid19/>

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