



Fact Sheet 3 Housing

Housing is a basic need for every person in the municipality, and land use planning is an important tool in ensuring there is an adequate supply of diverse housing options. The Statement of Provincial Interest Regarding Housing aims to ensure that a wide variety of housing forms, tenures, and options are available for the present and future of the municipality.

What We Heard

Housing was a common topic across all engagement methods. Respondents felt that there was a lack of rental options, entry level homes for young families and supportive housing for seniors to age in place. Residents would also like to see more smaller housing options that factor in accessibility. Other concerns we heard around housing include development around lakeshores and coastal areas, and short term rentals impacting long-term rental housing availability.

The most favourable approaches to increasing housing availability and affordability were energy efficiency upgrades, physically accessible homes, adaptive reuse or conversion of large homes, former churches and halls into smaller accommodations, and housing for 1-person households. Approaches like accessory suites, tiny homes and co-operative housing all saw very little opposition from respondents.

What is Being Proposed

The *Draft Municipal Planning Strategy* contains policy support to enable housing diversity in the municipality:

Policy 4-9: Council shall, through the policies of this Municipal Planning Strategy and the regulations of the Land Use By-law, enable diversity in the form, scale and location of housing that is permitted in the municipality.

- A wide range of housing options are necessary to meet the needs of all residents, but there is a recognition in land use planning (and from the wider public) that not all housing types are appropriate in all settings and that density should be centered in areas where the infrastructure and services can support it.

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