

HOUSING STRATEGY

IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE



WHAT IS THE HOUSING STRATEGY?

- ▶ A long-term strategy designed to achieve housing goals
- ▶ Endorsed by Council in 2012
- ▶ Recommendations, policies, directions, priorities, definitions and annual targets

WHAT ARE THE RECOMMENDATIONS?

- ▶ Recommendations:
 - ▶ Policy changes
 - ▶ Zoning amendments
 - ▶ Procedural changes

- ▶ Status update:

Complete	17 recommendations
In progress	3 recommendations
Ongoing	4 recommendations
Postponed	1 recommendations

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations

2. **Communities:** *Introduce a new OCP policy to foster healthy, inclusive communities and a diverse mix of housing forms, consistent with the appearance of the neighbourhood.*
3. **Understanding:** *Provide OCP policy to support means of increasing understanding of various housing needs and forms; and reducing Not in My Back Yard (NIMBY) syndrome.*
6. **Housing Mix:** *Provide policy that supports a greater mix of sizes, forms, and tenures of housing in new multi-unit & mixed use developments.*

ZONING RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations

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| 10. | <i>Fee Simple Townhouses:</i> Add zoning to allow for fee simple townhouses that would have their own public road frontage and lots. |
| 11. | <i>Courtyard Housing:</i> Create the zoning regulations needed to allow courtyard housing. |
| 12. | <i>Six Storey Buildings:</i> Provide zoning that would accommodate six-storey, wood frame buildings. |
| 15. | <i>Less Parking Required:</i> Reduce minimum parking requirements in the Zoning By-law for new multi unit housing in the Urban Core. |

PROCEDURAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations

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| 18. | <i>Partnerships: Continue to seek partnerships to achieve affordable housing using City owned land and the rental housing grants program. Expand these partnerships within the private sector.</i> |
| 20. | <i>Tax Exemption: Expand the application of ten year property tax exemptions to affordable rental housing.</i> |
| 21. | <i>Housing Opportunities Reserve Fund: Determine funding for the Housing Opportunities Reserve Fund annually based on budget considerations and a business plan.</i> |

NEXT STEPS

- ▶ Interim:
 - ▶ The Rental Housing Grants Policy, the Revitalization Tax Exemptions and the Permissive Tax Exemptions
 - ▶ Infill Housing Challenge Project
- ▶ Long term:
 - ▶ OCP review

