

Housing Action Plan

September 2022



Goal areas:

Goal 1: Support a wider variety of diverse housing types, including more rental options.

Goal 2: Proactively plan for future housing growth

Goal 3: Advocate, collaborate and communicate on housing needs and supports

Actions:

There are 13 actions in the housing action plan to be worked on in the:

- Short term – 2023
- Long term – 2024 - 2025
- Ongoing



1. Support a wider variety of diverse housing types, including more rental options.

Actions	Timeline	Resources needed
1.1: Review lot sizes, setbacks and permitted uses in Comprehensive Zoning By-law to encourage a wider range of housing types, dwelling units, smaller lots, and greater densities in urban areas.	Short Term	Staff – CBO, Planning Coordinator & Economic Development Coordinator Consultant Hired
1.2: Update the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law to permit secondary residential suites in existing or new accessory structures (e.g. Laneway homes, granny suites, etc.).	Short Term	Staff – CBO, Planning Coordinator & Economic Development Coordinator Consultant Hired
1.3: Establish and implement a new Community Improvement Plan (CIP) that identifies programs to incentivize new affordable housing.	Short Term	Staff – Manager of Strategic Initiatives, Economic Development Coordinator, Treasurer, Director of Infrastructure & Development, CBO Consultant Hired Financial: TBD during budget
1.4: Update the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund Policy and propose annual contributions to the Affordable housing reserve fund that can be earmarked for future affordable housing projects.	Long Term - Ongoing	Staff – Economic Development Coordinator, Director of Infrastructure and Development, Treasurer Financial: TBD during budget



2. Proactively plan for future housing growth

Actions	Timeline	Resources needed
2.1: Review all land use planning services, including internal and external resources required to deliver those services.	Short Term	Municipal Staff
2.2: Pre-zone properties in serviced areas that have high potential to support increased densities, infill development, intensification, and redevelopment (update mapping during Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review).	Short Term	Staff – Director of Infrastructure & Development, CBO, Planning Coordinator & Economic Development Coordinator Consultant Hired
2.3: Conduct a review of all municipal, provincial and federally owned lands and assets in the Municipality that may be deemed surplus or underutilized and could potentially site future affordable housing projects.	Short Term	Municipal Staff
2.4: Identify properties with future growth potential and ensure servicing is available or planned for long term growth (tie to Master Servicing Plan).	Short & Long Term	Staff – Director of Infrastructure & Development Consultant Hired Financial: TBD at budget



3. Advocate, collaborate and communicate on housing needs and supports

Actions	Timeline	Resources needed
3.1: Develop a communication campaign to raise community awareness of the local housing needs, housing programs and incentives.	Short Term - ongoing	Staff – Economic Development Coordinator, Communications CEDC Financial: TBD at budget
3.2: Develop a community housing collaborative that works together to align work, raise issues of housing, advocate on housing needs and support new housing initiatives.	Long Term	CEDC Staff – Manager of Strategic Initiatives & Economic Development Coordinator Community Groups
3.3: Provide Council with ongoing information on housing needs.	Short Term - ongoing	Staff – Manager of Strategic Initiatives, Economic Development Coordinator, Communications
3.4: Advocate to the County, Province and Federal governments on housing needs and supports.	Short Term - ongoing	Mayor, CAO, Manager of Strategic Initiatives CEDC
3.5: Continue to explore partnerships with community groups, not-for-profit organizations, businesses and/or private developers to create more affordable and attainable housing.	Ongoing	CEDC, community groups, businesses, Staff – Manager of Strategic Initiatives & Economic Development Coordinator

