

Helping Residents Find and Keep Housing

Five Year Review and Update of *Housing Solutions*
York Region's 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan

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OUTLINE

1. Background: York Region's 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan
2. Current challenges in York Region's housing and homelessness system
3. Approach for the five-year review and community engagement
4. Updated goals and objectives for 2019 to 2023

YORK REGION'S 10-YEAR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS PLAN

Since 2014, *Housing Solutions* has provided strategic direction to address York Region's housing needs



GOAL 1
Increase the rental housing supply

Expected outcomes:

- Increased supply of private sector rental units
- Increased supply of safe, legal second suites
- Increased supply of government funded units and rent subsidies



GOAL 2
Sustain the existing rental housing supply

Expected outcomes:

- Preserve the existing supply of private sector rental housing
- Strengthen the social housing system



GOAL 3
Support home ownership affordability

Expected outcomes:

- Increased new affordable home ownership options
- Supports provided for low and moderate income homeowners



GOAL 4
Strengthen the homelessness and housing stability system

Expected outcomes:

- An integrated service delivery system developed
- Low and moderate income and at-risk households will find and keep appropriate housing

YORK REGION'S CURRENT HOUSING CHALLENGES

- Housing costs have increased more quickly than incomes



- York Region has the highest proportion of renters who spend 30% or more of their income on rent in the GTA

- Rental housing supply is limited



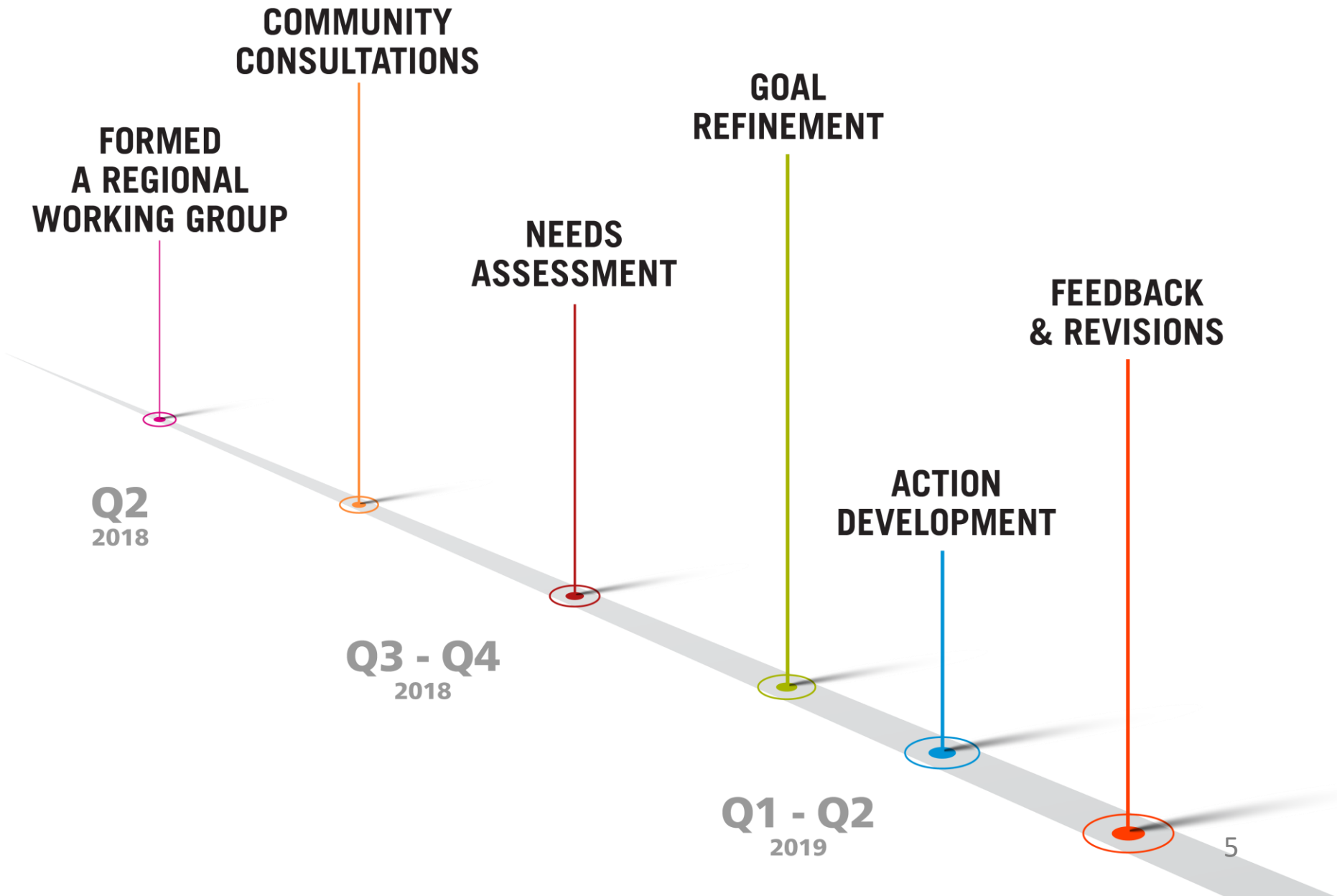
- Lowest proportion of rental housing in the GTA

- More residents are struggling to find and keep housing as the population and economy change



- More residents need support to stay housed

UPDATING HOUSING SOLUTIONS: APPROACH



Common Themes:

1. Increasing the supply of subsidized and affordable housing

- Financial incentives
- Planning and policy tools
- Creativity and innovation

2. Providing supports that help people stay stably housed

- Addressing a broad range of individual and community needs
- Implementing and expanding programs focused on housing stability
- Education

3. Preventing and reducing homelessness

- Help people find and keep affordable housing
- Training and capacity building
- Coordinate services and plan as a system

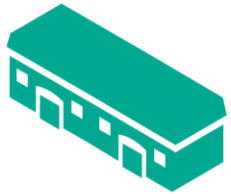
HOUSING SOLUTIONS 2019 TO 2023 GOALS

Updating the *Housing Solutions* goals to reflect community needs

Existing Goals



Increase the rental housing supply



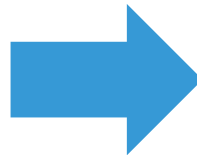
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Support home ownership affordability



Strengthen the homelessness and housing stability system



Updated Goals



Increase the supply of affordable and rental housing



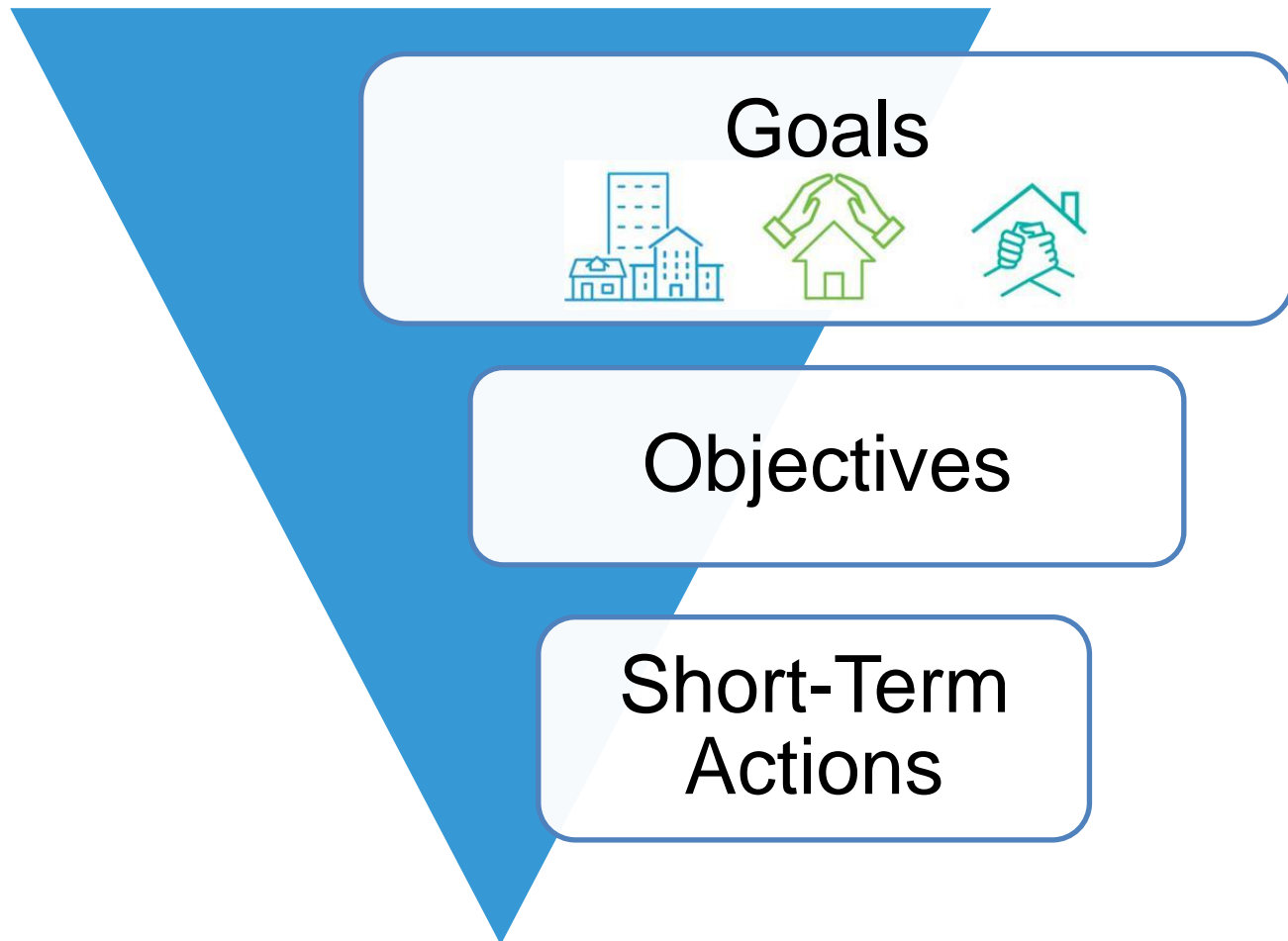
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Strengthen the housing and homelessness system

MAKING PROGRESS ON HOUSING SOLUTIONS GOALS

Housing Solutions will continue to respond to York Region's housing and homelessness needs



GOAL 1 OBJECTIVES



- 1.1 ● Plan for a full mix and range of housing options to support the achievement of complete communities and promote economic development
- 1.2 ● Implement tools and policies to increase the affordable housing supply
- 1.3 ● Build community housing and encourage affordable rental housing to meet the housing needs of households with low and moderate income

GOAL 2 OBJECTIVES



Help people find
and keep housing

2.1



Deliver programs that help low and moderate-income residents living in private market housing keep their homes

2.2



Support long-term housing stability by strengthening individuals and communities

2.3



Advance prevention programs through continuous improvements to help people at risk of homelessness remain stably housed

2.4



Strengthen homelessness and housing stability services to help people experiencing homelessness find and keep housing

GOAL 3 OBJECTIVES



Strengthen the housing and homelessness system

- 3.1** ● Sustain the existing stock of community housing
- 3.2** ● Build an integrated system to plan and deliver homelessness and housing stability services
- 3.3** ● Conduct research, engagement and knowledge sharing to identify service system gaps and build community capacity in the homelessness and housing stability service system
- 3.4** ● Encourage and facilitate expansion of long-term care to help residents age in their communities

IMPLEMENTING HOUSING SOLUTIONS 2019 TO 2023

System Indicators

Includes:

- Purpose-built rental vacancy rate
- Market housing affordability
- Subsidized housing wait list and wait times
- Emergency and transitional housing use

Performance Measures

Includes:

- Number of new private purpose-built rental housing units created year over year
- Percentage of clients receiving supports that improve housing stability, year over year
- Number of capacity building activities delivered for housing providers

Specific 2019 and 2020 actions can be funded within existing budget allocations

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- Council approve *Housing Solutions 2019 to 2023*
- *Housing Solutions* be shared with local municipalities and the province



THANK YOU

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