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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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
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
  o 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
  o Lowest proportion of rental housing in the GTA

• More residents are struggling to find and keep housing as the population and economy change
  o More residents need support to stay housed
UPDATING HOUSING SOLUTIONS: APPROACH

1. FORMED A REGIONAL WORKING GROUP
   - Q2 2018

2. COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS
   - Q3 - Q4 2018

3. GOAL REFINEMENT
   - Q1 - Q2 2019

4. NEEDS ASSESSMENT

5. FEEDBACK & REVISIONS

6. ACTION DEVELOPMENT
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
- Sustain the existing rental housing supply
- Support home ownership affordability
- Strengthen the homelessness and housing stability system

**Updated Goals**

- Increase the supply of affordable and rental housing
- Help people find and keep housing
- Strengthen the housing and homelessness system
Housing Solutions will continue to respond to York Region’s housing and homelessness needs.
GOAL 1 OBJECTIVES

Increase the supply of affordable and rental housing

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

Support long-term housing stability by strengthening individuals and communities

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

Strengthen homelessness and housing stability services to help people experiencing homelessness find and keep housing
GOAL 3 OBJECTIVES

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
### 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
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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