What is the Housing Strategy?

Background

Prior to 2013, the municipality's efforts in housing were limited.

Since 2013, and the creation of the Housing and Homeless Partnership (HHP), the municipality established purpose and direction for future municipal housing initiatives, including:

- the HHP 5-Year Strategic Plan; and
- the municipality's Affordable Housing Work Plan.

Housing initiatives originating from direction in these documents included:

- a density bonusing program;
- rental registration policies;
- efforts to reduce policy barriers to housing;
- municipal funding incentives; and
- surplus land for affordable housing.

Recent investment from CMHC's Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) program has enabled the municipality to expand efforts in housing.

Purpose

The municipality's housing programs are delivered across departments. The Housing Strategy presents an opportunity to:

- clarify the municipality's role in housing;
- evaluate current affordable housing programs; and
- establish a forward-looking framework to guide and enhance municipal housing action.

The Housing Strategy will focus on actions within the municipality's jurisdiction while responding to priorities and investments of the federal and provincial governments, and the community housing sector.

The development of the Housing Strategy is a requirement of the municipality's Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) Action Plan with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and must be complete by October 2026.

Fall 2025
Engagement and learning

Winter 2025 – Spring 2026
Drafting the strategy

Summer 2026
Finalizing the strategy

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