



Fact Sheet 3 Housing

Housing is a basic need for every person in the municipality, and land use planning is an important tool in ensuring there is an adequate supply of diverse housing options. The Statement of Provincial Interest Regarding Housing aims to ensure that a wide variety of housing forms, tenures, and options are available for the current and future of the municipality.

What We Heard

Access to affordable, adequate, and safe housing was often cited as a challenge in Richmond County. Many engagement respondents noted that their current housing situation was inadequate, and both renters and owners often cited that their homes needed major repairs. Another issue relevant to both renters and owners was the need to access services by automobiles which meant more of a household's time and income was being spent on accessing services and amenities. Finally, for renters, respondents noted there was a shortage of rental options in the municipality. Respondents wanted to see a greater diversity and options available for housing in the municipality.

What is Being Proposed

The *Draft Municipal Planning Strategy* contains policy support to enable housing diversity in the municipality:

Policy 5-10: Council shall, through the policies of this Municipal Planning Strategy and the regulations of the Land Use By-law, enable diversity in the form, scale, and location of housing that is permitted in the municipality.

- A wide range of housing options are necessary to meet the needs of all residents, but there is a recognition in land use planning (and from the wider public) that not all housing types are appropriate in all settings and that density should be centered in areas where the infrastructure and services can support it.

