

Recommendations for Municipal Affordable Housing Action Plan



The development of a municipal affordable housing action plan should engage with key stakeholders to ensure the creation of affordable options across the housing continuum. A municipal plan would allow for local context and adaption. Specific recommendations for the development of an affordable housing action plan for Niagara municipalities include:

- Engage with key stakeholders including: developers, planners, community services, financiers, provincial and federal government officials, Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation, health and social service representatives, economic development representative, landlords, tenants.
- Explore municipal responsibilities, areas of influence, bylaws, incentives, secondary plans, communication, education, etc.
- State a vision, goals and targets.
Consider: How to construct a community to be healthy, vibrant and livable for all residents?
- Use an evidence-based approach that would identify the issue, specific barriers, who is impacted and what solutions are needed.
- Consider ideas from the City of St. Catharines Housing Report, while recognizing the unique context of each municipality.
- Acknowledge that housing is a human right and that municipal government has a role to play in the gradual realization of this right for all community members.
- Connection to and alignment with other housing plans:
 - 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP)
 - New Regional Official Plan (2021-2041)
 - Provincial growth plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

Background: The Niagara Poverty Reduction Network (NPRN) is a group of residents, businesses and organizations. NPRN's vision is all Niagara residents live above the poverty line and encourages Niagara residents, businesses and organizations to work together to improve the quality of life in Niagara. Our vision is that NPRN speaks with a community voice that incorporates the multiple voices of Niagara and prioritizes the voice of those currently experiencing poverty. Visit wipeoutpoverty.ca to learn more.