

MID-POINT REVIEW OF *HOUSING SOLUTIONS*: YORK REGION'S 10-YEAR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS PLAN

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HOW CAN WE STRENGTHEN THE PLAN FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS?

- What do you see as the biggest housing challenges for York Region residents today?
- In five years, how will we know if we have made a difference?
- How can HSPB play a role in carrying actions forward over the next five years?

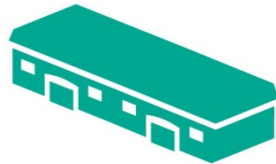
YORK REGION'S 10-YEAR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS PLAN



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

ALIGNMENT WITH HSPB COMMUNITY RESULTS



Goal 1: Increase the Rental Housing Supply

Partner with HSPB to:

- Develop the Make Rental Happen Challenge
- Collaborate with stakeholders to advocate for more private market rental housing and develop a communications strategy
- Create a dialogue with key stakeholders to determine how to create the environment for the development of more private-market rental housing

HIGHLIGHTS FROM YEARS 1-5: PARTNERING WITH HSPB

- Partnered with HSBP for *Make Rental Happen* Campaign in 2013/2014 to raise awareness, engage senior levels of government through advocacy, and explore the viability of incentives to promote rental housing
- HSPB's research and advocacy led to the creation of a York Region/Local Municipal Housing Working Group in 2016 to continue research on housing incentives
- Continued partnership with HSPB to raise awareness and advocate for housing options that are affordable for everyone between 2014 and 2018

HIGHLIGHTS FROM YEARS 1-5: INCREASE RENTAL HOUSING SUPPLY

- 212 Davis Drive completed as a site-specific pilot to encourage rental housing with a 36-month development charge deferral; added 225 private rental units
- Regional Council approved a Region-wide policy to enable 36-month development charge deferrals for high-density, purpose-built rental housing in 2017
- In June 2018, Regional Council approved a Housing Incentives Guideline, developed in collaboration with the York Region/Local Municipal Housing Working Group

HIGHLIGHTS FROM YEARS 1-5: SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS

- Expanded the supply of new affordable rental housing
 - Richmond Hill Hub completed
 - Woodbridge Redevelopment and Unionville Redevelopment underway
- Delivered the Home Repair Program to support low-income homeowners who need to make critical repairs or accessibility modifications to their homes
- New supports for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness offer rent benefits and flexible support services

TWO GOALS FOR THE MID-POINT REVIEW

- **Assess our current situation:** what has changed since the Plan was approved in 2014?
- **Update the goals and outcomes to reflect the current environment and build on achievements:** where do we want to be, five years from now?

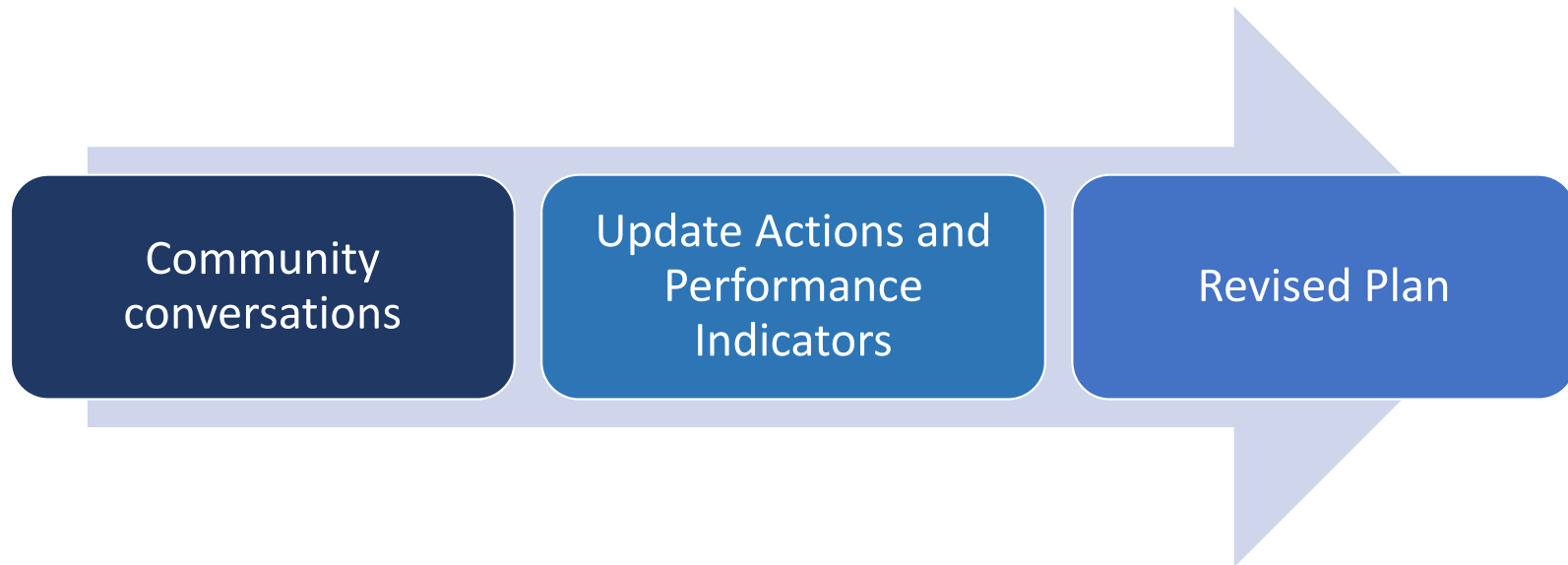
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HOW WE WILL COMPLETE THE MID-POINT REVIEW

Outcome Statement:

Together with our partners, we help people find and keep housing.



THANK YOU

If you want **more information** or **to participate** in another consultation, please contact Gwen Potter-King at

