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Town of Aurora

Motion

Notice given February 21, 2023

Re: Affordable Housing Action Plan

To: Members of Council

From: Mayor Tom Mrakas

Date: February 28, 2023

Whereas affordable housing has reached a crisis level in communities across Canada; and

Whereas responsible growth management and providing a range and mix of housing options are fundamental pillars of the Town's Official Plan; and

Whereas the Town continues to implement Provincial and Regional targets on housing, population, and density - having grown by approximately 12% from 2016-2021, and forecasted to continue to grow by over another 30% to 2051; and

Whereas this growth emphasizes the importance of proactive and strategic planning for affordable and attainable housing, which further supports the economic strength and livability of the Town overall; and

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That through the Town's ongoing Official Plan Review, the scope of the Town's Official Plan be expanded to include modernized housing policies that clearly articulate and define the Town's strategies and actions on affordable and attainable housing to 2051 and beyond; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town develop an Affordable Housing Action Plan (AHAP), to be used to guide decision-making on how to address affordable housing and promote attainable housing options for residents through clear objectives and targets specifically designed for implementation within the local Aurora community context; and
3. Be it Further Resolved That the Affordable Housing Action Plan (AHAP) be developed through collaborative engagement with the community, local partners, and housing providers, and apply to both private market and public housing development; and

4. Be it Further Resolved That the Affordable Housing Action Plan also include specific monitoring and measuring tools to ensure the successful implementation of strategies over the horizon of 2051 and beyond.