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Town of Aurora

## Member Motion

Councillor's Office

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**Re:**           **Supporting Affordable Housing Options Leslie Corridor**

**To:**           Mayor and Members of Council

**From:**       **Councillor Rachel Gilliland**

**Date:**       June 4, 2024

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Whereas the Aurora Town Council approved a commitment to the Government of Ontario's Housing Pledge to build 8,000 new residential units to help address the housing crisis by 2031; and

Whereas Council committed to develop an Affordable Housing Action Plan aimed at promoting affordable, attainable, and diverse housing options; and

Whereas municipal governments are encouraged to reduce red tape, create policies to help streamline process, and incentivize new development opportunities faster, with more affordable choices; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora has developed a new Official Plan that includes some increase in heights in the MTSA, Promenade, Regional and Local corridors; and

Whereas the Leslie Street corridor shoulders an employment area, is in close proximity to the 404, and near amenities such as recreation, shopping and restaurants; and

Whereas condos and purpose-built rentals are considered to be more affordable choices and ideal for people who are first time home buyers or looking to rent, provides social benefits of a community, onsite recreational amenities, is secure and low maintenance; and

Whereas the Leslie Street corridor currently has a 4-storey maximum in the new Official Plan, where several examples of 7-storey buildings already exist; and

Whereas the Leslie Street corridor would be an ideal location to increase heights from 4 to 7 storey maximums to reduce red tape, streamline the development process, and incentivize new development opportunities faster, with more affordable choices;

1. Now Therefore Be it Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to report back on the status of the remaining developable sites along the Leslie Street corridor and the process to increase the heights to a maximum of 7 storeys.