



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 present and future of the municipality.

What We Heard

Access to affordable, adequate, and safe housing was often cited as a challenge in the Municipality of the County of Inverness during the initial phase of engagement. Respondents felt that there was a lack of rental options, entry level homes for young families, and supportive housing for seniors to age in place. The aging population of the municipality generally needs more options to downsize from large homes, while still being able to remain in their communities.

Other concerns around housing included regulating short term rentals to provide more year-round housing, attracting and retaining young families in the community, and housing options for seasonal workers and other newcomers.

What is Being Proposed

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

Policy 4-11: 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.

