

**Subject: Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force
Recommendations, Feedback Request**

Department: Infrastructure Services

Division: Planning

Report #: INS-2023-064

Meeting Date: 2023-10-16

Recommendations

That report INS-2023-064, Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations, Feedback Request, be received;

And that staff be directed to submit the comments contained in Attachment no. 3 to this report, to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, in response to their request.

Background and Analysis

On December 6, 2021, the provincial government created the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force, with a mandate of finding solutions to address the housing affordability crisis across the province. On February 8, 2022, the province released the [Report of the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force](#), which contained a total of seventy-four (74) specific recommendations (55 referenced in the report) aimed at increasing the supply of market housing throughout Ontario. A summary list of the Task Force Report recommendations is included in Attachment no. 1.

Since the release of this report, the province has moved forward to implement these recommendations, with twenty-three (23) items fulfilled to date. This has included enactment of key legislation changes, including:

- i) Bill 109: More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022
- ii) Bill 23: More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022
- iii) Bill 97: Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023

On September 15th, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) issued a letter to all municipal heads of council requesting feedback on what municipalities would consider to be their top five (5) recommendations most useful in increasing housing

supply within their communities. The requested feedback could also include advice relating to how an existing recommendation has been implemented. A copy of the letter is included as Attachment no. 2.

Staff have reviewed the list of recommendations contained in the Task Force Report and highlighted six (6) recommendations that are believed to be the most effective for delivering more housing in Orangeville. These recommendations are focused on:

- i) supporting more efficiencies in the planning approval process (no's 13, 14, 15 and 50);
- ii) providing more support and clearer policies for affordable housing (no. 42 and 65); and
- iii) stimulating more expedited commencement of construction following planning approvals (no. 43).

The highlighted recommendations are described in further detail in Attachment no. 3.

Staff are seeking Council direction to submit these recommendations to the Ministry in response to their request.

Strategic Alignment

Strategic Plan

Strategic Goal: Economic Resilience

Objective: Ensure availability and affordability of employment lands and housing

Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

Theme: Land Use and Planning

Strategy: Co-ordinating land use and infrastructure planning to promote healthy, liveable and safe communities

Notice Provisions

Not applicable

Financial Impact

There are no direct financial implications expected to occur as a result of the recommendations within this report. Having said that, staff are continuing to monitor provincial correspondence and announcements on what, if any, additional funding will be provided to municipalities to assist the province in meeting their housing targets.

Respectfully submitted

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Attachments:

1. List of Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force Report Recommendations
2. MMAH Letter
3. Top 5 recommendations response