

AHTF Discussion Information

Town of Orangeville AHTF, Terms of Reference, Mandate

- The Affordable Housing Task Force will develop a report advising Council on challenges and opportunities to increase the local supply of affordable housing in the Town of Orangeville.

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The Affordable Housing Task Force will develop an Affordable Housing Report to Council focused on how the Town can increase or support affordable housing in the Town of Orangeville and identification of current barriers to affordable housing initiatives. The report should reference the following:

- Opportunities and recommendations regarding any potential government owned lands that could be utilized for affordable housing initiatives.
- Recommendations for changes to local planning policies that are underway or could be amended to increase affordable housing options.
- Recommendations regarding current or potential grant or funding opportunities for affordable housing developments including new builds, renovations and conversions.

Areas to Identify

Note, the following were captured from other municipalities who also formed Affordable Housing Task Forces

- Identify opportunities to increase the range of housing to meet the needs of Orangeville residents
- Identify opportunities for new programs, partnerships and private sector incentives to increase Orangeville's Attainable Housing stock.
- Identify opportunities to maximize the use of existing programs, partnerships and private sector incentives to increase Orangeville's Attainable Housing Stock
- Integrate with Town's Official Plan review
- Review zoning by-laws and planning policies with the intent to strengthen these areas to allow for more favorable investment conditions for those land developers and investment groups who plan to build attainable housing
- Obtain community support

Deliverables

- Produce a localized Attainable Housing report and identify policy options
- Stage an Open House early in the Adhoc Task Force mandate to learn from the community what the actual needs are in the community from an Attainable Housing standpoint.
- An analysis of existing housing needs, supply and conditions

- Identify a range of policy options for creating and preserving housing by drawing on current housing trends
- Understanding the challenges local partners and developers experience when creating new attainable housing stock (i.e.: cost of land, red tape, development charges, zoning by-law, official plan requirements, resident concerns about inclusion of multi-family housing in single family zones)
- Identify the current role of the municipality, county and other partners in promoting Attainable Housing
- Consult with the County and other municipalities to review best practices pertaining to attainable housing, including securing of Attainable Housing policies/strategies, attainable housing shortages and service-worker shortage information, and attempt to determine underlying factors affecting both areas
- Provide strategy and recommendations that allow the ability of, specifically the local residents and their households to enter, and graduate to higher levels in the local housing market
- Prepare final report for Orangeville Council consideration and include recommendations for next steps in addressing Affordable Housing within the community.