



AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN TORONTO

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Toronto's Housing Context

- Toronto's population will hit 3.2 million by 2030
- Toronto is a prosperous city with a housing market in which vulnerable people have increasingly limited access to appropriate housing opportunities and supports
- Number of households on the social housing waiting list as of Q2-2018 is 96,828, an increase of 8,700 households since Q2-2017
- Vacancy rate very tight at 1%



Toronto's Housing Context



Action on Housing



Addressing the Toronto Community Housing's Repair Backlog

- A special working group was convened to explore new partnerships and innovative solutions to the TCHC's single-family homes repair backlog



Leading the Close the Housing Gap Campaign

- The City's "Close the Housing Gap" campaign requested the federal and provincial governments to continue funding social and co-op housing at existing levels and provide new long-term funding for social housing repairs



Establishing the Open Door Program

- A new program was launched with Mayor Tory to facilitate the creation of affordable housing through:
 - Planning Fees, Building Permit, Development Charges and property tax relief for 25 year term of affordability
 - Open Door Planning Service – expedited approvals
 - Activating public surplus land
 - Capital contributions from the City's DC Reserve Fund



Leading the Laneway Housing Initiative

- City council approved a new approach to increasing the housing supply through implementing a laneway suite initiative in the Toronto and East York District
- A pilot affordable laneway suite program underway



Looking Ahead

- A new comprehensive 10-year housing action plan 2020-2030 will go to City Council in late 2019
- New targets and directions:
 - 40,000 affordable rental units over 12 years
 - A new Affordable Housing Secretariat to coordinate the City's activities on Affordable Housing
- Implementing inclusionary zoning in Toronto
- Launching new transit oriented development initiatives to provide new rental and affordable housing opportunities



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