City of Greater Sudbury Municipal Housing Pledge

Tackling the housing crisis requires everyone to work together, including all orders of government, the private and not-for-profit sectors, educational institutions and the residents of Greater Sudbury, to build a stronger Ontario.

Delivering 1.5 million homes in Ontario, including 3,800 in Greater Sudbury will require the municipality, provincial and federal governments, developers and educational institutions to each do their part to increase the housing supply. The Province establishes the legislative and policy framework that control the development approval process. The Federal government sets economic policy and funds the creation of housing through various agencies. Private and not-for-profit developers work with the municipality to build safe, efficient and attainable housing for all members of the community. Educational institutions stimulate housing innovation and produce the skilled workforce to make it happen.

Greater Sudbury will work to meet the housing challenge through multiple avenues, including land use policy and development process initiatives, strategic collaborations and partnerships and continual improvement, including:

Housing As-of-Right: Ongoing review of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law to identify policy and regulatory changes that can support additional residential infill and intensification.

Nodes and Corridors Strategy: Focus on achieving medium and high density uses at transit supportive densities in compact, pedestrian friendly built forms along major corridors.

Downtown Master Plan: Focus on reinforcing the function of the Downtown through mixed use and adaptive reuse of commercial buildings.

Housing Land Needs Study and Strategy: Ensure an adequate availability of serviced lands and appropriate growth sequencing inline with our infrastructure master plans.

Community Improvement Plans: Incentivize the creation of market and affordable housing in strategic locations with existing servicing and supports.

Land Banking: Creation of affordable housing units through reviewing, preparing and accumulating properties that are determined to be suitable for the development of affordable housing in conjunction with the Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan.

Streamlining: Implementing development process improvements to streamline the approval of residential dwellings.

Education and Outreach: Informing the public and development community of recent policy updates, initiatives that are underway and incentives that are available to support the creation of a range of housing options.

Strategic Alignment: Incentivizing the development of housing through exemptions and reductions to development charges targeting certain forms of development in strategic locations and prioritizing infrastructure investment to support residential development.

Collaboration: Actively engage and collaborate with post-secondary institutions, Provincial and Federal governments, Industry and Labour to develop strategies to increase housing supply capacity and address coordination challenges and issues that are outside the municipal sphere of influence.

Greater Sudbury's commitment to this Pledge comes with the recognition that there are factors outside the City's control which will influence progress towards the target. The rate at which housing can be brought to market will ultimately be influenced by economic factors, labour markets and changes in the legislative landscape and these factors have potential to influence both private and municipal housing and supporting projects.