



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

Committee Report

To: Chair and Members of the Planning Committee
From: Jameson Pickard, Senior Policy Planner
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024
Subject: **County Official Plan Review - Housing Focused: A Housing Policy Review in Wellington County**



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1.0 Purpose:

Planning Staff have prepared the attached document, “Housing Focused: A Housing Policy Review in Wellington County” with the intent of applying a housing-focused lens to the development policies in the Official Plan. The document identifies policy options that could be considered in the County Official Plan and facilitates a discussion about the future of housing policy in Wellington.

2.0 Housing Focused: A Housing Policy Review in Wellington County

The attached document provides a summary of the land use planning policy framework that applies to housing development in Wellington County and provides a series of policy options the County could pursue to update the Official Plan. Planning Staff have identified four broad themes in Provincial policy to help frame these directives and root them in sound planning policy. These themes include:

- Meeting long-term housing demand
- Providing an appropriate mix of housing options
- Intensification and Compatibility of development
- Support the efficient use of land and municipal services.

The document also offers some housing-focused suggestions to our member municipalities to consider in their local planning documents and lays out a series of questions to help generate feedback.

3.0 Consultation and Feedback

This report will be circulated to our member municipalities and posted on the Official Plan Review webpage for comment and feedback. Comments received will be compiled into a summary report and used to help inform a future Official Plan Amendment that updates the housing policies of the Official Plan. Formal policy changes will be presented and consulted on through the Official Plan Amendment review and approval process.

Planning staff are open to hearing feedback on the options discussed in the report as well as other policy options and ideas that could be pursued to help support housing development in Wellington.

We are asking that all feedback be submitted no later than May 31st, 2024.

Strategic Action Plan:

This report relates to the following objectives and priorities in the County's Strategic Action Plan:

- Continue working to ensure all County residents have a safe place they can call home.

Recommendation:

That the County Official Plan Review - Housing Focused: A Housing Policy Review in Wellington County report be received for information.

That the County Clerk circulate this report to Member Municipalities for information.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jameson Pickard".

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