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| Policy: | G020– Housing Policy |
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PURPOSE

To define the roles and responsibilities for the Board in Communities and Housing.

POLICY

The Board will develop and implement a Regional Planning Framework that supports a 10-year rolling Regional Housing Plan. The goal is to help create sustainable and inclusive communities by meeting identified housing needs through an equitable distribution of housing across the Housing Continuum in all sub-regions.

GUIDELINES

1. The Board will establish a 10-year rolling regional housing plan where housing needs will be identified and a regional and sub-regional planning model that will be developed for regional and sub-regional plans. These plans will identify specific targets to address existing needs and future growth-generated needs for Non-Market and Market Affordable Housing including recommendations on the appropriate distribution of Non-Market Housing.
2. The Board will ensure the plans meet the needs of Market Affordable Housing in all regional municipalities.
3. The Board shall work together with the provincial government and housing stakeholders to implement Board Housing Plans.
4. The Board shall advocate on Non-Market and Market Affordable Housing in accordance with the most recently Board and Provincially-approved Growth Plan.
5. The Board shall advocate for complete communities to accommodate peoples' daily needs for living at all ages and income levels and that can provide the necessary and related support services, including existing or planned public/accessible transit service.
6. The Board shall advocate for changes to federal and provincial legislation to enable meeting identified housing needs.
7. The Board shall assist with the ending of homelessness through advocacy and support of municipalities implementing programs and policies in partnership with community agencies and the Province.



8. The Board will hold, at a minimum, five community and housing symposiums within 10 years.
9. The Board shall provide the necessary structure to ensure the Board is able to effectively deal with the community and housing outcomes as well as ensuring integration with other functional areas.

PRINCIPLES

This policy will be realized through the following guiding principles defined in the Board Housing Plan Strategy and Implementation Plan:

1. Advocacy - Recognition that Non-Market Housing requires sustainable, predictable and adequate levels of funding in the form of capital and operating dollars from the provincial government, with support from the federal government.
2. Partnerships - Leverage partnerships with the private sector, public sector and not-for-profit organizations to provide a broad range of affordable and safe housing for all income levels that meets the diverse needs of the region.
3. Globally Competitive - Respect the unique needs of the regional municipalities and create choice and diversity of housing options to enable the region to attract and retain the workforce necessary to be globally competitive.
4. Integrated Planning - The location of housing is based on integrated planning for efficient land-use that considers access to necessary amenities like transit and support services and that achieves affordable, appropriate types of housing stock and densities for both renters and owners.
5. Diversity and Inclusion - Plans sustainable, inclusive, and complete communities that respect and support households of all income levels who represent the diversity of people who live in the region.
6. Leadership - Foster collaboration among regional municipalities, other orders of government, not-for-profit organizations, and industry to enable sustainable communities and meet regional housing needs based on prioritized housing investment and implementing innovative housing solutions.

Nolan Crouse, Board Chair

| Revisions | | |
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