

Housing (section 2.2.6) – Substantive Changes

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Proposed Policy Change	Revised Policy	Staff Comments & Suggested Modifications
<p>2.2.6.1 Upper- and single-tier municipalities, in consultation with lower-tier municipalities, the Province, and other appropriate stakeholders, will each develop a housing strategy that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. supports housing choice through the achievement of the minimum intensification and density targets in this Plan, as well as the other policies of this Plan by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. identifying a diverse range and mix of housing options and densities, including second units and <i>affordable</i> housing to meet projected needs of current and future residents; and ii. establishing targets for <i>affordable</i> ownership housing and rental housing; b. identifies mechanisms, including the use of land use planning and financial tools, to support the implementation of policy 2.2.6.1 a); c. aligns land use planning with applicable housing and homelessness plans required under the Housing Services Act, 2011; and d. will be implemented implement policy 2.2.6.1a), b) and c) through official plan policies and designations and zoning by-laws. 	<p>2.2.6.2 Upper- and single-tier municipalities, in consultation with lower-tier municipalities, the Province, and other appropriate stakeholders, will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. support housing choice through the achievement of the minimum intensification and density targets in this Plan, as well as the other policies of this Plan by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. identifying a diverse range and mix of housing options and densities, including second units and <i>affordable</i> housing to meet projected needs of current and future residents; and ii. establishing targets for <i>affordable</i> ownership housing and rental housing; f. identify mechanisms, including the use of land use planning and financial tools, to support the implementation of policy 2.2.6.1 a); g. align land use planning with applicable housing and homelessness plans required under the Housing Services Act, 2011; and h. implement policy 2.2.6.1a), b) and c) through official plan policies and designations and zoning by-laws. 	<p><u>Support.</u></p> <p>The revised policy has removed the requirement to complete a housing strategy as part of the MCR. While staff recognize the importance of addressing the matters in 2.2.6.1 (i.e. provision of a range of housing types and affordabilities), it is the opinion of staff that these matters can be addressed without the requirement for a stand-alone housing strategy, and rather can be addressed through the intensification strategy, housing and homelessness action plan update, and residential zoning update.</p>