

## Preamble

Housing is unaffordable for almost 1 in 3 Mississauga households. Mississauga's middle income households – who are a critical part of the city's workforce and community – are increasingly challenged to find housing that meets their needs and income levels. To ensure the long term health and viability for our city, meaningful action to address housing affordability is required.

In 2017, City Council approved *Making Room for the Middle – a Housing Strategy for Mississauga*. The Housing Strategy outlines the City's action plan to address housing affordability, including encouraging new development that is affordable to middle income households. Mississauga Official Plan also provides direction on housing priorities. Policy 7.1.6 stipulates that Mississauga will ensure the housing mix can accommodate people with diverse housing preferences and socio-economic characteristics and needs. Policy 7.2.3 directs that Mississauga will ensure housing is provided in a manner that fully implements the intent of Provincial and Regional policies. Policy 7.2.5 stipulates that the onus will be placed on the applicant/developer to address Provincial and Regional housing requirements.

To create complete, inclusive communities, planning applications and decisions need to address housing affordability. The City will work with the development community to fulfill housing objectives.

## Purpose

The purpose of the Housing Report is to demonstrate how larger and / or phased developments meet Provincial, Regional, and City housing objectives, including the provision of housing that is affordable to middle income households. The Housing Report will provide information about the proposed development including tenure, number of units by bedroom type, proposed prices / rents, and planning rationale, which includes housing affordability. Appendix 1 outlines required contents of the Housing Report.

## Application Type

A Housing Report shall be submitted in support of a complete application for all official plan amendment, rezoning, and plan of subdivision applications proposing 50 or more ownership residential units. In some cases, these developments will also trigger a request for the provision of affordable middle income housing. Please refer to Table 1 for clarification on when the provision of affordable middle income housing will be requested.

Table 1 – When will the City Request Affordable Middle Income Housing?	
Request for Affordable Middle Income Housing	No Request
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Official plan amendments, rezonings, and plan of subdivisions involving 50 or more residential units</li> <li>Ownership development proposals only</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purpose-built rental developments</li> <li>Seniors / retirement developments</li> <li>Developments of less than 50 residential units</li> <li>Non-residential developments</li> <li>Lifting of "H" Provision</li> </ul>

## Provision of Affordable Middle Income Housing

The City is requesting the provision of affordable middle income housing units at a **minimum rate** of 10%. The 10% contribution rate is not applied to the first 50 units of a building. For example, if a development is 100 units in total, the contribution request is 5 units  $[(100 \text{ units} - 50 \text{ units}) \times 10\%]$ . If the development is 53 units in total, the contribution request is rounded up to 1 unit  $[(53 \text{ units} - 50 \text{ units}) \times 10\%]$ . In mid-rise and high-rise development, the rate is applied to each building, whereas in low-rise developments, the rate is applied to the site.

Two exceptions to the contribution rate identified above should be noted:

- 20% of units proposed on [Reimagining the Mall](#) sites should be affordable (Council Resolution 0150-2019).
- The number of affordable units requested can be lowered for developments proposing deeply affordable units.

The City will consider alternatives to on-site unit contributions, including off-site unit contributions, land dedication, or financial contributions for affordable middle income housing elsewhere. If off-site units or land are dedicated, the location should be similar to the primary development site in terms of access to amenities, services, and transit.

**What is affordable to middle income households?**

For the purposes of this Housing Report Terms of Reference, affordable middle income housing costs no more than 30% of gross annual household income for middle income households, who earn approximately \$55,000 to \$100,000. Affordability thresholds for ownership and rental housing are outlined in Table 2 below.

<b>Table 2 – Affordability Thresholds</b>		
<b>Affordable Ownership Price Threshold</b>		
<b>\$420,000 or less</b>		
<b>Affordable Rent Threshold –1.5 x Average Market Rent (AMR)*</b>		
<b>Unit Type</b>	<b>2018 AMR*</b>	<b>1.5 x AMR or less</b>
Bachelor	\$922	<b>\$1,383</b>
1 Bedroom	\$1,233	<b>\$1,850</b>
2 Bedroom	\$1,396	<b>\$2,094</b>
3+ Bedroom	\$1,590	<b>\$2,385</b>

\*Source - Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Rental Market Survey, October 2018. AMR will be annually updated.

Note – While the request for an affordable contribution will only occur where ownership tenure is proposed, the affordable units provided can be rental or ownership tenure.

**Duration and Administration**

Affordable units should remain affordable for at least ten years after occupancy. It may be beneficial for the proponent to consider partnerships with non-profit organizations for the construction / administration of the affordable units, or to consider transferring units to a non-profit housing provider. Innovative forms of ownership are also possible.

**How will the Housing Report be used by the City?**

The Housing Report will assist the City in understanding how the proposed development will advance the housing mix, targets and affordability objectives of the City of Mississauga and Region of Peel. Recognizing that in some cases incentives or partnerships may be available, the report will also enable staff and development proponents to engage early in the development process and advance discussions regarding access to provincial and federal funding, and possible municipal incentives offered through a Community Improvement Plan.

**How will the Housing Report affect my application?**

Proposed developments must first and foremost meet the tests of good planning. Demonstrating progress towards the achievement of Provincial, Regional, and City housing objectives also falls within that scope. More information about the Housing Report can be obtained from Catherine Parsons, Planner, City Planning Strategies Division, Planning and Building Department at 905-615-3200 ext. 8409 or [catherine.parsons@mississauga.ca](mailto:catherine.parsons@mississauga.ca).

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## Appendix 1 – Contents of Housing Report

### Part A – Please provide the following information:

#### 1. Description of the Proposal (Including File #)

- Include number of units by unit type and proposed prices / rents. **Please see table on next page.** This table should form part of your Housing Report submission and simplify the preparation of the Housing Report.

#### 2. Relevant Planning Process and Other Related Applications

- OPA, ZBL, Plan of Subdivision, Plan of Condominium, etc.

#### 3. Identification of any Additional Considerations

- inclusion of supportive housing
- financial or land contributions towards affordable housing
- innovative rent-to-own models
- site constraints
- proposed demolition or conversion of existing rental units

#### 4. Planning Rationale

- How does the proposed development address the relevant housing policies and objectives of the Provincial Policy Statement 2014, Growth Plan 2019, Region of Peel Official Plan, Peel Housing and Homelessness Plan 2018-2028, Mississauga Official Plan, and Mississauga Housing Strategy?

#### 5. Analysis and Opinion

- How does the housing proposal represent good planning and address the housing targets and objectives of the City of Mississauga and Region of Peel?

#### 6. Summary and Conclusions

The submission should also identify the outcomes of any pre-application discussions with any civic officials and discussions held in the community.

**Part B – Please complete the following table.**

Include the full range of units provided, whether they are market units, or units forming part of the affordable middle income housing contribution. Where exact values / quantities are not yet known, please provide estimates. For a separate word document version of this table that can be pasted into your Housing Report, please click here: [https://www7.mississauga.ca/documents/Business/Housing\\_Report\\_Table.docx](https://www7.mississauga.ca/documents/Business/Housing_Report_Table.docx)

<b>Proposed Development – Housing Breakdown (All Units)</b>		
<b>Purpose Built Rental Units*</b>		
	<b>Proposed Rents in 2019 Dollars (excluding parking and utilities)</b>	<b>Qty. of Units</b>
Bachelor	Less than \$922/month rent	
	Between \$922 and \$1153/month rent	
	Between \$1153 and \$1383/month rent	
	Between \$1383 and \$1614/month rent	
	More than \$1614/month rent	
	<b>Proposed Rents in 2019 Dollars (excluding parking and utilities)</b>	<b>Qty. of Units</b>
1 bedroom	Less than \$1233/month rent	
	Between \$1233 and \$1541/month rent	
	Between \$1541 and \$1850/month rent	
	Between \$1850 and \$2158/month rent	
	More than \$2158/month rent	
	<b>Proposed Rents in 2019 Dollars (excluding parking and utilities)</b>	<b>Qty. of Units</b>
2 bedroom	Less than \$1396/month rent	
	Between \$1396 and \$1745/month rent	
	Between \$1745 and \$2094/month rent	
	Between \$2094 and \$2443/month rent	
	More than \$2443/month rent	
	<b>Proposed Rents in 2019 Dollars (excluding parking and utilities)</b>	<b>Qty. of Units</b>
3+ bedroom	Less than \$1590/month rent	
	Between \$1590 and \$1988/month rent	
	Between \$1988 and \$2385/month rent	
	Between \$2385 and \$2783/month rent	
	More than \$2783/month rent	
<b>Ownership Units</b>		
<b>Ownership Units to be Sold at Market Prices</b>		<b>Qty. of Units</b>
Bachelor		
1 bedroom		
2 bedroom		
3+ bedroom		
<b>Ownership Units to be Sold as Affordable</b>		<b>Qty. of Units</b>
Bachelor	<b>Proposed Affordable Sale Price of Unit</b>	
1 Bedroom	\$	
2 bedroom	\$	
3+ bedroom	\$	
	\$	
<b>Unit Transfer</b>		
<b>Ownership Units to be Dedicated to City/Region</b>		<b>Qty. of Units</b>
Bachelor	<b>Market Value of Unit</b>	
1 Bedroom	\$	
2 bedroom	\$	
3+ bedroom	\$	
	\$	

Secondary Suites		
<b>Private Ownership Secondary Suites</b>		<b>Qty. of Units</b>
Bachelor		
1 bedroom		
2 bedroom		
3+ bedroom		
Land		
<b>Land Dedicated to City/Region</b>	<b>Market Value of Land Per Acre</b>	<b>Acres</b>
	\$	
Financial Contribution to Affordable Housing Offsite		
	<b>Amount</b>	
	\$	

\*Proposed rent ranges to be updated annually, following the release of CMHC's Annual Rental Market Survey every October.