

We have an affordable housing crisis in Canada - in Ontario - in York Region - in Newmarket.

The Planning Justification Report filed in support of this development application acknowledges the lands at 201 Davis Drive are subject to the Urban Centres Secondary Plan.

Section 6.4.3 of the Urban Centres Secondary Plan begins with the following:

6.4.3 Affordable Housing

- i. A minimum of 35% of new housing units in the Provincial Urban Growth Centre and a minimum of 25% of new housing units elsewhere in the Urban Centres shall be affordable to low and moderate income households.
- ii. Affordable housing benchmark prices for ownership and rental housing will be determined by the Regional Municipality of York on an annual basis.
- iii. Affordable housing shall comprise a range and mix of housing forms, unit sizes and tenure and include a significant number of dwelling units which may accommodate households with children, larger families, people with special needs, and rental households.

Yet the Planning Justification Report makes no mention of affordable housing.

Council needs to get serious about requiring developers to include meaningful provision for affordable housing in their development applications.

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