

Housing Pledge with a Promise

The City of Markham pledges to facilitate the construction of 44,000 new homes over the next 10 years.

The City of Markham recognizes the importance of housing affordability and has demonstrated leadership by hosting a housing summit on November 18, 2020. In 2021, Council endorsed an action plan “Housing Choices: Markham’s Affordable and Rental Housing Strategy” which identifies priorities such as inclusionary zoning and incentives for affordable housing.

Markham acknowledges it has an important role in facilitating the construction of 44,000 new homes by ensuring we have an updated municipal planning framework to guide development. We undertake to provide efficient and streamlined processes to facilitate the timely review and approval of development applications and permits. The City of Markham has made and commits to making investments in technology and process improvements, all in an effort to meet the housing target.

Achieving the target relies on partners that are integral in reaching this goal and delivering housing. To be successful, more initiatives and partnerships are required between all levels of government, the home building industry and the trades sector to increase the supply of housing.

To meet Markham’s housing pledge, the pace of housing construction needs to double which requires accelerated funding from all levels of government to support the delivery of complete communities, including infrastructure, rapid transit, schools, hospitals, and social services. Locally, we need to create our network of community amenities, parks, trails, active transportation and fire protection services.

Markham Council promises to continue to advocate for a framework to deliver the infrastructure needed to build complete communities and meet Markham’s municipal housing target. This framework must reflect the principle of growth paying for growth and not shift the burden of growth to property taxpayers.

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