

File: A-2100

June 20, 2018

Premier-Designate Doug Ford
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
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Re: Addressing Affordable Accessible Housing Needs in Ontario

City Council considered the above matter at its meeting of June 11, 2018 and adopted the following recommendation of the Development Services Committee:

"Whereas on May 14, 2018, Council held its annual special meeting to allow the public the opportunity to provide their views and/or concerns regarding accessibility issues; and,

Whereas a number of public comments received at this meeting related to the need to consider providing more accessible housing units including those that are affordable; and,

Whereas there is a need to consider such matters as providing accessible model home designs/concepts in new home sales offices and to advance a discussion on providing more flexible and universal housing designs that can allow seniors and others that have accessibility challenges over time to be able to age in place without the need to move; and,

Whereas it is important to ask the Province to consult with the building and development industry and municipalities to see if there are ways to advance the affordable accessible housing discussion to address the needs of Ontario residents including a review of the Ontario Building Code as appropriate;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Province of Ontario be requested to consult with the building and development industry and municipalities to determine practical and appropriate ways to address the affordable accessible housing needs in Ontario which may include a review of the Ontario Building Code; and,
2. That the City's Chief Building Official be requested to advance the discussion of affordable accessible housing matters related to the Ontario Building Code at the Large Municipalities Chief Buildings Officials Forum; and,

3. That a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, all M.P.P.s in the Region of Durham, the Region of Durham, all local municipalities in the Region of Durham, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Building Industry and Land Development Association, the City's Building Industry Liaison Team, the Ontario Association of Architects, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association and the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario."

If you need further assistance, please contact Paul Ralph, Commissioner, Development Services Department at the address listed below or by telephone at 905-436-3311.



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