

Government Relations Update

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Government Relations Update - Overview

Federal & Provincial Landscape

- Federal Updates
 - 2021 Federal Election
- Provincial Updates
 - Throne Speech

Looking Forward - Upcoming Advocacy

- Post-AMO Conference Update
- Advocacy Opportunities
 - Fall MP/MPP Briefing Sessions
 - 2022 Pre-budget Consultation
 - 2022 Virtual ROMA Conference

Affordable Housing

- Presentation

2021 Federal Election

General election was held on September 20 to form Canada's 44th Parliament

- Liberal Party of Canada (LPC) formed its second minority government since 2019
- Overall results represent no significant change in parliament
- Leading up to the election, the Region raised awareness on advocacy positions related to the following themes:
 - Infrastructure Funding
 - Green Recovery
 - Sustainable Transportation and Vision Zero
 - Child Care
 - Affordable Housing
 - Long Term Care



2021 Federal Election: Peel Landscape

- All the incumbents running in the election secured their seats
- Where the incumbent did not run again, the Liberal Party was able to retain the seat

Mississauga – Streetsville



Rechie Valdez

Brampton Centre



Shafqat Ali

Mississauga – Malton



Iqwinder Singh Gaheer

2021 Federal Election: Liberal Party of Canada Platform Priorities

Key priorities included in the Liberal Party Platform include:

- Affordable Housing
- Green Recovery
- Infrastructure Funding
- Sustainable Transportation & Vision Zero
- Child Care



Looking forward:

- Continued NDP support of Liberal Party priorities represents little change in policy direction
- Represents opportunities for municipalities to advance aligned priorities

Provincial Landscape

Speech from the Throne: Protecting Ontario's Progress (delivered Oct. 4th, 2021)

- Continued focus on addressing the challenges related to COVID-19
- Looking forward to economic recovery
- Key themes included:
 - COVID-19 Response
 - Investments in Hospitals
 - Supports for LTC Home Sector
 - Economic Recovery



Provincial Landscape:

Speech from the Throne



COVID-19 Response

- Reopening path focused on having the highest vaccine thresholds for easing public health measures

Investments in Hospitals

- Provide additional resources for intensive care units
- Committed Peel Memorial Centre redevelopment to 24-hour facility

Supports for LTC Home Sector

- Recommitted \$2.68B to build 30,000 LTC home beds
- \$5B over 4yrs for 27,000 LTC staff

Economic Recovery

- Fueled by economic growth, not tax hikes or spending cuts
- Build roads, highways and expanding transit

Looking Forward

Post - AMO Conference Update

- Thank you letters outlining key messaging sent to Ministers and Party Leaders
- Hosting Minister of Long-Term Care, Rod Phillips at the Malton Village (Butterfly Model)
 - Focus on the need for the emotion-based care model
- Hosting Minister of Transportation, Caroline Mulroney in a Peel Road Safety (Vision Zero) Roundtable in Nov/Dec 2022
- Follow up with Minister Bethlenfalvy to emphasize significant concerns with the PILT regime



Looking Forward

Advocacy Opportunities

- Quarterly Meetings MP/MPP meeting: Dec. 17th
- 2022 Budget submissions
- 2022 Virtual ROMA Conference
 - Sunday, January 23 - Tuesday, January 25, 2022
 - Potential delegation opportunities (TBC)



Funding Programs to Increase Supply of Affordable Rental Housing: **Challenges and Opportunities**

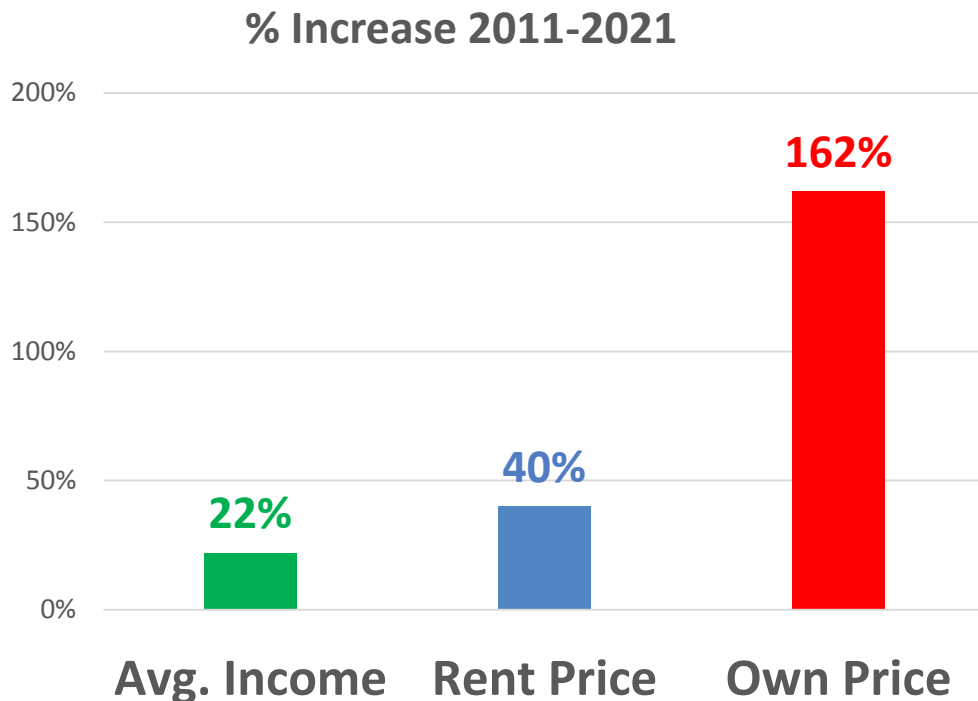
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Outline

- The Growing Need for Affordable Housing in Peel
- The Rapid Housing Initiative: Challenges and Opportunities
- Status of the Housing Master Plan
- Concluding Remarks

The Growing Need in Peel Region



Sources:
Incomes are projected from 2011 census at inflation
Rental rates are from TRREB
Resale ownership prices are from TRREB

... A two-income minimum wage household would spend **66%** of their income on current average rental prices.

Sources:
Calculated from TRREB Q2 2021 rental report

... A two-income minimum wage household would need **51 years** to save for today's downpayment + closing costs.

... An average income household would need **26 years** to save for today's downpayment + closing costs.

Scenarios assume:
saving 10% of after-tax income with 5% compounded return
a 5-year fixed 25-year mortgage between 2.29% and 3.89%
downpayment includes applicable closing fees
average household incomes increase with cost of living
minimum wage household incomes do not increase with cost of living

Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) - Overview

- \$53M to create >119 affordable units in two years
- Key funding conditions
 - Net new units
 - Ready for occupancy in <12 months
 - Per unit cost benchmark
 - Affordable for >25 years

RHI – Key Challenges

- Timing
 - Occupancy in <12 months
 - Unpredictable application windows
- Funding
 - Uncertain funding
 - Per unit allocation does not reflect true costs

RHI – Needed Improvements

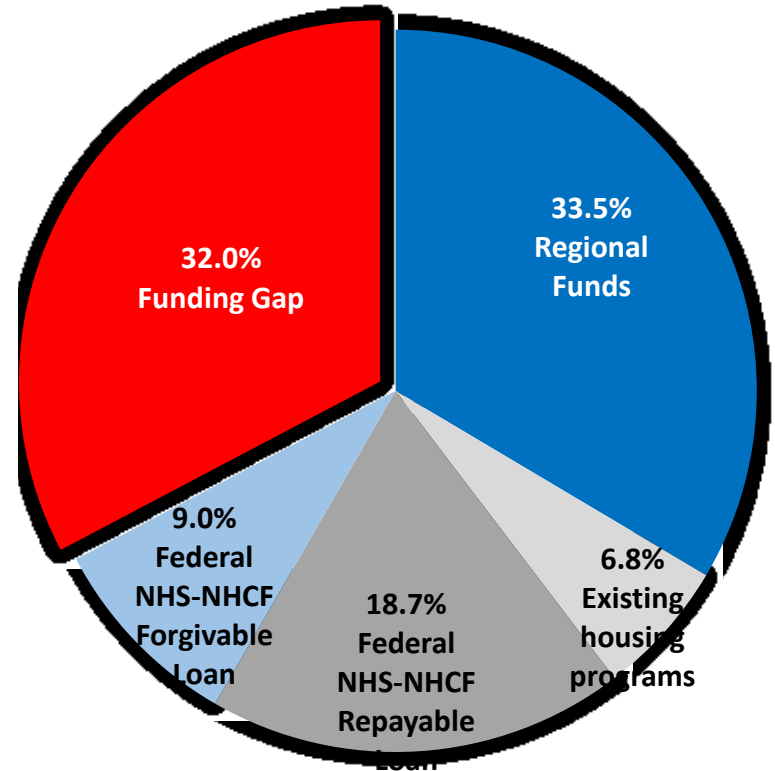
- Provide flexibility on timing
- Ensure allocations reflect costs in market
- Provide certainty on future funding
- Consider gas tax model
- Pre-zone and convey surplus lands at zero cost

RHI - Advocacy

- RoP Staff to CMHC staff
- Ontario Service Manager working group
- FCM/AMO
- Regional Council
- No substantive changes from tranche 1 to tranche 2

Housing Master Plan - Overview

- Regional Council approved in principle a \$1 billion allocation for partial implementation of HMP
 - 18 projects to create over 2,240 units/beds by 2028.
- \$680.4 million funding has been secured
- **Funding gap of \$319.6 million** to achieve all 2,240 units/beds by 2028



Housing Master Plan - Advocacy



- Provincial commitment to fund the gap
- Senior levels of government for sustained long term funding for affordable housing

Conclusion

- Housing affordability crisis is acute
- Federal government should improve RHI design
- Provincial government should close HMP gap
- All of government approach to (re)design existing and planned programs

Questions

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