



Affordable Housing Discussion Forum

On Thursday, February 12, 2009, Town Council and Staff met with their Regional counterparts and key stakeholders at the McConaghy Centre for the Affordable Housing Discussion Forum. The Forum was well attended, with over 70 members of the community joining Council and Staff to discuss the important issue of housing affordability. Input from this forum helped inform the Town's Housing and Residential Intensification Study, which is part of the Official Plan Review process.

How does this forum fit into the Official Plan Review process?

The forum on Affordable Housing forms part of the Town's Housing and Residential Intensification Study, which is part of the Official Plan Review process.

What happened at the forum?

A series of presentations framed the workshop exercises and discussions. John Gladki and Linda Lapointe, part of the study team working on the Housing and Residential Intensification Study outlined the policy context for Richmond Hill. Jane Wedlock, a member of the York Region Alliance to End Homelessness, provided a community perspective on the need for affordable housing; and Sylvia Patterson, from York Region highlighted the Region's roles and responsibilities in the delivery of affordable housing.

After the presentation, discussion groups examined ways that affordable housing may be addressed from the land-use planning perspective within the scope of the Town's responsibilities. Participants discussed planning approaches, such as promoting a mix and range of housing types, financial incentives, preserving existing affordable housing and intensification opportunities.





Can I get a copy of the presentations?

For a copy of the presentations delivered at the forum, please visit www.richmondhill.ca/opstudies and click "Housing and Residential Intensification Study."

Where can I get more information on the Official Plan?

For more information please visit www.richmondhill.ca/officialplan or e-mail officialplan@richmondhill.ca

