



THE TOWN OF STRATFORD RESOLUTION

No. PH023-2024 – Remove Development Fees for NGO’s, Non-profit and provincial entities providing affordable and supportive rental housing

Motion Carried X
Motion Lost
Motion Withdrawn

Council Chambers
Town Hall
August 14, 2024

Committee	<u>Planning & Heritage</u>
Moved by Councillor	<u>Jeff MacDonald</u>
Seconded by Councillor	<u>Ron Dowling</u>

WHEREAS the Town of Stratford is committed to addressing the housing crisis and ensuring that its residents have access to safe and attainable housing options; and

WHEREAS in 2024, the Town successfully attained funding through the Housing Accelerator Fund, established by the Canada Housing and Mortgage Corporation (CMHC), a funding initiative designed to provide financial support and resources to municipalities in developing attainable housing projects; and

WHEREAS the Town Council passed the Resolution **CWO14-2023 – Housing Accelerator Fund** to move forward with the identified Initiatives designed to implement systematic changes to the Town’s planning and zoning bylaws to promote more housing development and remove the inefficiencies and obstacles to diverse housing typology; and

WHEREAS the Town Council understands that a part of the Housing Accelerator Fund Initiatives was to remove application fees and expedite application timelines for proposed affordable and supportive housing development applications from NGO’s, non-profit and provincial entities.

BE IT RESOLVED that Town of Stratford remove fees for zoning amendments, subdivision and development & building permits for residential development applications from NGO’s, non-profit and provincial organizations that provide affordable and supportive rental housing units. Organizations must present a business plan in which they state that the rent for these unit does not exceed 30 percent of gross annual household income for low-income households.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution only relates to the residential component that meets this requirement, any portion of the development application that is for commercial or for a market rate component will adhere to current developments fees through a pro-rated assessment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this fee removal continue beyond the 3-year Housing Accelerator Funding period.

This resolution bears the recommendation of the Planning & Heritage Committee as discussed at a meeting held on August 5, 2024.