

TOWN LAUNCHES AFFORDABLE HOUSING ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

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The Town of Halton Hills will roll out an affordable housing engagement and awareness strategy to facilitate affordable and accessible housing in Halton Hills.

"Creating a vibrant community that is affordable for all is an essential part of the Town's Strategic Plan," Mayor Rick Bonnette said in a prepared release. "Council's goal is to collaborate with residents and stakeholders to identify and deliver affordable housing solutions while building a forward-thinking and innovative model for new community development."

The town will roll out an eight-month communications plan to support the engagement strategy.

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egy will include an online forum on Let's Talk Halton Hills to foster a two-way dialogue and gather preliminary input on what affordable housing means to the community.

"Partnership with residents, stakeholders and all levels of government is critical to the success of any future housing initiatives in Halton Hills," said Coun. Jon Hurst, Affordable Housing Working Group chair. "We're

pleased to see the Working Group's recommendations put into action and look forward to receiving community input through the process."

According to Halton Region's 2019 housing report, released in September 2020, in 2019, 100 per cent of housing completed, within the year, 164 properties, were single-family homes. The average price of a new sale in Halton Hills was \$720,095, compared to a re-



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An engagement strategy for affordable housing in Halton Hills is underway.

sale of \$667,762.

Only a single property, of 133 sold in 2019, was at or below the affordable threshold of \$393,400.

Of housing in progress in Halton Hills, according

to a 2020 housing report, of 53 properties under construction, 35.8 per cent were townhomes, with 64.2 per cent being single-family dwellings.

The average rent in Hal-

ton Hills for 2019 was \$1,479, determined from a total of 768 available rental units.

More information is available on the Town of Halton Hills website.

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