



**COUNCIL** 

## PLANS IN THE WORKS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

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An affordable housing project could begin construction as early as 2022 in Halton Hills.

The Town has identified an opportunity for a mixed income rental development at 17 Guelph St.

Since 2011, there have been no new rental housing units built in town, with a current rental vacancy rate of 1.5 per cent.

"I'm very pleased to see this come forward," Coun. Ann Lawlor said during a recent council meeting. "We've been talking about it for a long time."

Pre-development work on the property would begin immediately, with construction to begin as early as 2022.

Georgetown



Google Maps photo Shown here is 17 Guelph St., a potential site for an affordable housing complex that could begin construction as early as 2022.

"I'm very glad we're doing this ourselves," Coun. Moya Johnson said. "We've sold other pieces of property to developers with the promise of, if not affordable housing, seniors housing, and the next thing you know we're getting luxury condos for close to a million dollars."

An environmental assessment will be required to redevelop the property. A former brownfield site, 17 Guelph St. was previously contaminated with an underground storage tank, which was remediated in 2015

The pre-development will be paid for through a \$40,000 seed contribution from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

In early 2021, the town will seek third-party housing providers interested in the opportunity to design, build, operate, and maintain the proposed development.

An additional \$284,000 has been requested for the Town's 2021 capital budget, to undertake all remaining pre-development activities.



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