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AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLY NOT MEETING THE DEMAND

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many Halton residents struggle to attain in a market with soaring rental prices, and no relief in sight.

The most current available data from Halton reveals there are 3,241 on a wait list for subsidized, or rent-geared-to-income,

housing in the region — a document their name may remain on for a long time as the demand for affordable accommodations is high, with the financial challenges some have faced due to the pandemic only amplifying the situation.

"In Halton Region, like in other municipalities, the wait time for housing placement can take several years," said Halton director



Graham Paine/Metroland

Donna Danielli is among those pushing for more affordable housing in Halton.

of housing services Andrew Balahura. "Applicant flexibility is important. The greater number of communities and properties an applicant selects, the shorter the wait time for housing placement tends to be."

Placement timelines

can be impacted by provincial requirements that Halton must follow, along with the type of housing a person requests, explained Balahura.

"For example, seniors and families are generally

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