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Draft Official Plan Amendment: Policies to Address the Loss of Dwelling Rooms



Public Consultation Meetings

Learn about the City's draft Official Plan policies to address the loss of dwelling rooms, ask questions and share your comments.

All meetings are from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A brief presentation will be held at 7:00 p.m.



Mon., Nov. 26, 2018

Etobicoke Civic Centre



399 The West Mall, Council Chambers

Tues., Nov. 27, 2018

Metro Hall

55 John Street, 3rd Floor, Room 308



Wed., Nov. 28, 2018

North York Civic Centre



5100 Yonge St., Council Chambers

Thurs., Nov. 29, 2018

Scarborough Civic Centre

150 Borough Drive, Council Chambers



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Proposal

Dwelling rooms in rooming houses are an important part of Toronto's affordable housing landscape. As the city grows, development is placing pressure on the stock of existing dwelling rooms. The City of Toronto is proposing a draft Official Plan Amendment with new policies to address the loss of dwelling rooms to development and the displacement of tenants who rent them. The policies would require the same amount of dwelling room gross floor area to be replaced as rental housing in the new development and assistance provided to displaced tenants.

You are invited to attend to learn more about these draft policies and provide your input and feedback.

For more information or to provide feedback, visit: toronto.ca/planningforhousing or contact:

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More Information on the Draft Official Plan Amendment: Policies to Address the Loss of Dwelling Rooms:

What is a Dwelling Room?

A rooming house is a house or building that provides separate and private living accommodation in dwelling rooms and has shared areas such as a kitchen and/or bathroom. Dwelling rooms may include food preparation facilities (e.g. a hot plate or kitchenette) or sanitary facilities (e.g. a full or half bathroom), but not both.

Why is it a concern that Dwelling Rooms are being lost?

Dwelling rooms in rooming houses are an important type of housing as they are typically the most affordable option in the private rental market. Individuals who live in rooming houses are also often vulnerable and may include households with low incomes, seniors on fixed incomes, newcomers to the city and students. Without the affordable housing offered through dwelling rooms and other low-end of market housing, many of these households do not have other private market housing options.

What are the proposed policies to address the loss of Dwelling Rooms?

The draft policies would apply where there is a planning application to redevelop a site and the redevelopment would result in the loss of at least 10 dwelling rooms. The policies would require that the same amount of dwelling room floor area be replaced in the new development as rental housing, with affordable rents for at least 25 years. The policies would also require that assistance be provided to displaced tenants to lessen hardship and help tenants find and maintain new housing.

How can I get involved?

If you are unable to attend the public open house, you will be able to view the materials online, fill out a comment form, and submit feedback until December 10th, 2018. If you have questions, please contact us.

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