

Welcome Home

The Top 10 Reasons We Need Diverse Housing in the Municipality of Kincardine

The Municipality of Kincardine is growing carefully and steadily, with the population expected to increase from just over 12,000 to more than 15,000 by 2046. That means nearly 900 new homes are needed to meet demand—yet most of our housing stock remains single-detached homes, limiting affordability and choice. From townhomes and duplexes to small apartments and additional dwelling units on existing properties, diverse housing is essential to keeping the community vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable.

Here are 10 reasons why diverse housing matters:

1

Support Local Jobs and Economy

Local employers and small businesses struggle to attract and retain staff due to housing shortages. Diverse housing ensures workers can live where they work, keeping our economy strong, and our services running.



2

Attract New Talent and Innovation

Welcoming newcomers with a range of housing choices brings new skills, perspectives, and innovation to the Municipality of Kincardine, enriching our community and economy.



3

Welcoming Young People to Stay

Without affordable starter homes or rentals, young adults leave here to find housing elsewhere. Diverse housing helps them stay, contribute, and build their futures in the community they love.



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Make Housing More Affordable

Seasonal workers and year-round staff need places to live. A mix of housing options means more access to short-term jobs, more open shops, restaurants, and attractions for residents and visitors alike.



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Strengthen Community Volunteerism

When people live near their work, they have more time to volunteer, participate in events, and support local causes—making the community a more connected and caring place.



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Reduce Pressure on Social Services

Housing stress contributes to mental health issues, food insecurity, and poverty. Diverse, affordable housing options reduce these pressures and allows social services to focus on those most in need.



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Preserve Our Lakeside Character

Smart and strategic infill development in existing neighbourhoods helps meet housing needs without sprawling into natural areas. This helps preserve Municipality of Kincardine's lakeside charm and keeps infrastructure costs lower.



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Help Seniors Stay Local

Many older residents want to downsize but can't find suitable homes. More compact, accessible housing allows them to remain independent and connected to their community.



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Boost Local Tourism and Retail

With 80% of homes in the Municipality of Kincardine being single-detached, prices are high. Adding townhomes, duplexes, and apartments creates choices for all income levels and life stages.



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A Rich Community Culture

Welcoming new people here by having enough housing options brings their diverse experiences, customs, and knowledge to share with our community. Neighbourhoods become more inclusive, interesting, and connected.



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BONUS! It's the Right Thing to Do

Diverse housing reflects our values of inclusion, fairness, and community. It ensures that everyone—from newcomers to lifelong residents—can find a home.

