

3.1. Creation of Task Force on Housing

- On February 22, 2021, City Staff presented a report and terms of reference for the creation of the **Mayor's Task Force on Housing**.
- The Mayor's Task Force on Housing will provide evidence-informed and action-oriented observations and recommendations to Council to **increase the supply of quality housing** for residents in the City of Cornwall.
- It will present a **coordinated and practical set of recommendations** designed to guide Council as it makes decisions to address Cornwall's available housing supply. Recommendations will consider the needs of residents at different stages of life and a range of housing options.
- Members of the Task Force will have **varied expertise** including a representative from each the Cornwall Construction Association, Cornwall & District Real Estate Board and more.
- The **inaugural meeting** of the Task Force is being organized.
- The City of Cornwall has been granted \$1,888,455 through the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) to **build new affordable housing for residents**. The project calls for two buildings to be built in phases at the southwest corner of Ninth Street and McConnell Avenue, creating over 65 residential units. Construction of the first building will occur in early 2021

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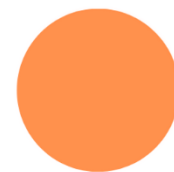
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3.2. Residential Rental Licensing Registry

- On June 8, 2020, Council was provided with a report on Residential Rental Licensing. Council instructed staff to gain more **public feedback**.
- On October 13, 2020, Council received a report which included the **survey questions, budget, and public consultation timeline**.
- The **Residential Rental Licensing Survey** launched on Monday, October 26, 2020 and remained open until Monday, December 23, 2020 (an extension of one week from the original closure date).
- A total **1,457 responses** were completed, including 1,426 in English and 31 in French.
- The cost associated with the licensing was the number one concern of respondents. Staff is **investigating the possibility of a low to no cost approach**.
- A full **report on survey results and recommendations** is forthcoming in April 2021.
- Staff have also **reached out** to other communities, such as Thorold, Mississauga, and Oshawa, with similar registries for information on best practices.

The Survey

The Residential Rental Licensing Survey was promoted on the City website, social media, radio, and local newspapers. It was available in both electronic and paper formats, with the option to mail-in responses.



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3.3. Increasing Enforcement

- By-Law Enforcement Officers for the City of Cornwall are being **cross-trained** in-house to enforce all By-Laws since 2020. This removes any silo-effects and allows one officer to respond to a case that involves several By-Laws at once. This new approach also allows officers to proactively address property standards related cases.
- The **operating hours** of By-Law Enforcement have increased to allow for further enforcement:
 - Weekly coverage until 6 pm (Winter) and 7 pm (Summer)
 - Saturday coverage
- In 2020, By-Law Enforcement Officers pivoted to assist Cornwall Police in enforcing **COVID-19** related regulations.
- Cloud-based **CityView software** has been updated and reconfigured to keep track of all cases and complaints. This software is used between By-Law Enforcement, Building Services, Municipal Works, and others to track and queue cases, and work collaboratively.
- By-Law Enforcement Officers, Building Officials and Fire Prevention Officers **work proactively and in tandem** to achieve common goals for the safety of residential and commercial buildings. Some of these strategic and mutual points include:
 - Sharing information regarding **vacant buildings**
 - **Proposed Residential Rental Licensing Registry**
 - **Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm** Safety
 - **Business License** inspections and renewals

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