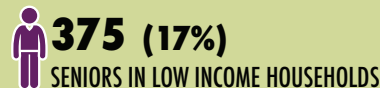
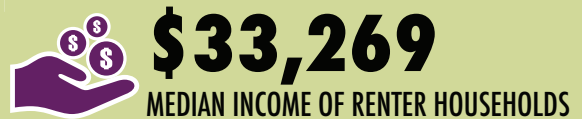
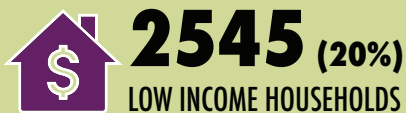


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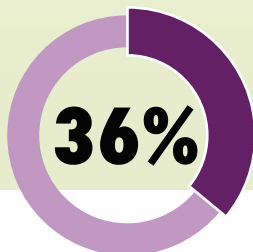
Affordable housing provides the foundation for commercial and community development. Affordable housing is required for seniors to age in their neighbourhoods, for young families to grow their roots, for workers and newcomers to arrive, stay, and succeed. According to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, "safe, affordable housing is

the bedrock of livable, competitive cities – and the stronger Canada we all aspire to build." This fact sheet provides information about poverty and rental housing indicators in your community, suggestions for what municipal governments can do to create affordable housing, and gives you some questions to ask municipal candidates in this year's election.

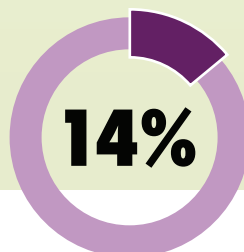
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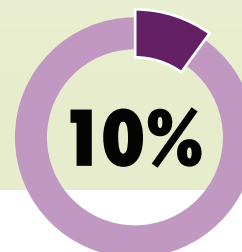
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# WHAT CAN CITIES DO TO CREATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

Cities can be strong advocates and partners for affordable housing. They can develop plans, provide funding, and implement regulations that support an increase in affordable housing.

## PLANNING TOOLS

- ✓ Develop community and neighbourhood plans that commit to providing a range of housing choices
- ✓ Develop an affordable housing strategy and/or action plan
- ✓ Identify priority sites for affordable housing
- ✓ Provide city staff to support or facilitate affordable housing projects, or fund neighbourhood renewal corporations to do so
- ✓ Monitor and evaluate the rental housing stock

## FISCAL TOOLS

- ✓ Lease or gift city-owned properties to affordable, non-profit housing providers
- ✓ Provide property tax incentives or reductions
- ✓ Waive or provide grants in lieu of development costs and charges
- ✓ Develop an affordable housing trust or reserve fund

## REGULATORY TOOLS

- ✓ Increase the permitted density in areas appropriate for affordable housing, thorough zoning designations, reduced side-yard and setback requirements
- ✓ Permit secondary suites
- ✓ Allow for smaller lot development
- ✓ Reduce parking requirements for affordable housing
- ✓ Implement inclusionary zoning, requiring developers to include a portion of affordable housing in each new residential development
- ✓ Fast track the approval of affordable housing projects

## WHAT TO ASK YOUR CANDIDATES

WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY?

WHAT IS YOUR PLAN TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN OUR COMMUNITY?



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