

Affordable Housing

For many years, our Club has advocated for Affordable Housing as it has been and still is a serious problem in our communities.



Last spring, CFUW Ontario Council passed a resolution urging "the Government of Ontario and municipal governments to cooperate through laws, bylaws and policies to guarantee that plans for redevelopment and new development for housing, and land use intensification, ensure that a full range of mixed income housing be

integrated in urban communities". UWCNY voted to support this resolution. Here's the full resolution [CFUW Ontario - Housing Resolution May 2018](#)

UWCNY has formed an Affordable Housing Study Group. Won't you join us! Please contact Ellen Baker at ellenrosebaker@gmail.com if you wish to join the group or would like more information.

Action Plan:

1) **Affordable Housing Pledge** – Affordable housing was a key issue in the Municipal election Oct 2018. UWCNY signed up to support the pledge and encouraged members to contact those running in their ward to ask them to sign the Pledge. Many candidates did. [Toronto Housing Pledge](#)

2) **Ontario Housing Survey** - Respond to the Government of Ontario's Housing consultation survey entitled [Increasing the Housing Supply in Ontario](#). Here's the link to the [Housing Survey](#)

Please fill out the online survey by Jan 25th, giving your view on how to increase the housing supply in Ontario. If you feel "out of the loop" and want some guidance, Ellen can provide you with some background information. The cut-off date for filling in the survey is **Jan 25**, so don't delay!

3) **Private Rental Market Focus** - After much discussion, referencing the Ontario Housing Continuum which identifies the range and diversity of affordable housing options, the decision was made by the study group that this winter we would focus on issues related to "Private Market Rental". The majority of affordable housing in Ontario is within this area.

Ontario's Housing Continuum (MAH, 2011) provides a helpful basis for understanding the full range

Affordability should be viewed on a continuum, rather than at a specific price point. Within Ontario's housing continuum, there are varying degrees of affordability. The range and diversity of housing needs means that community responses to the challenge of affordable housing require a range of approaches, based on community needs. Within the continuum, communities may face affordability challenges both in absolute terms (the price of housing) as well as in relative terms (types of housing). Given the diversity in land values across Ontario, similar housing types may vary in terms of affordability from one community to another.



of housing required for healthy urban centres. With the shifting urban landscapes involving development, redevelopment, upgrading / retrofitting and restructuring dysfunctional and decaying social housing projects in large urban centres, there are many points at which advocacy might be required at the municipal level.

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