



MUNICIPALITY OF WAWA HOUSING PLEDGE (2023 – 2026)

Mayor and Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa are committed to facilitate and support the development of new housing in the community for all residents. The Municipality will make every effort to ensure the municipal process to approve development and housing plans is expediated and will make surplus municipal lands available for the building of new housing.

As contained in the Wawa Housing Action Plan (2023), the Municipality of Wawa will leverage all opportunities and available policy tools as it works to encourage the building of new residential units in Wawa. The Municipality of Wawa will use a variety of strategies and actions to increase the supply of affordable housing, set-out below and contained in the Wawa Housing Action Plan. Municipal Council recognizes that all levels of government must support new housing development and there is an ongoing need for the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to invest in our communities to ensure housing is built that is affordable and meets local needs.

- Implement strategies to encourage and promote intensification to enable and expedite additional residential units in existing residential areas as set-out in the Wawa Housing Action Plan;
- Employ tactics to ensure the use any municipal surplus lands for housing developments where appropriate;
- Build new municipal infrastructure to support new housing development as outlined in the Water and Wastewater Master Plan (e.g., water, wastewater);
- Ensure strategic and site-specific planning decisions are made by Council to expedite housing in the community;
- Update the Official Plan and Wawa Zoning by-laws to permit a greater range of housing (e.g. nanny flats, secondary units in commercial zones) to be built without the need for minor variance and rezoning applications;
- Lobby and collaborate with Provincial and Federal governments to develop strategies to increase housing supply capacity including the identification of funding required for municipal housing infrastructure, and;
- Work with various partners including ADSAB, the private sector, public agencies, First Nation communities and others to develop housing solutions.

Municipal Council recognizes that there is a strong necessity for new housing to be built to accommodate local need and demand and for new housing options to be built that is affordable to residents. Through this Wawa Housing Pledge, the Municipality of Wawa commits to undertake the initiatives outlined above and contained in the Wawa Housing Action Plan (2023) by working with stakeholders and governments at all levels to deliver the housing, infrastructure and services needed for current and future residents. The Housing Target based on population and local trends is set at 59 homes to be built between 2023 and 2031.

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