Summary of Approaches in Other Municipalities

A 2021 review of municipal approaches to family oriented housing in Canada identified four general approaches, with examples, to encourage family friendly housing. They are:

1. Policy

- a. Identifying areas in plans where incentives for family oriented units are needed.
- b. Considering the needs of households with children in land use and infrastructure planning.

2. Zoning

- a. Requiring a minimum number of two and three bedroom units in select zones or areas.
- b. Defining family oriented units in the zoning bylaw.
- c. Establishing amenity area requirements to support the needs of children.

3. Design

a. Creating design guidelines for family oriented units, buildings and amenity areas.

4. Other

- a. Regulating the demolition of larger units.
- b. Creating a family-friendly strategy.
- c. Incentive, subsidy and tax exemption programs for supplying family oriented housing.

Attachment 3

The use of these approaches by various municipalities is shown below.

City or Municipality	Policy	Zoning	Design	Other
Ontario				
Toronto				
Markham				
Vaughan				
Mississauga				
Canada				
Vancouver, BC				
New Westminster, BC				
Edmonton, AB				
Halifax, NS				
Saskatoon, SK				
International				
Seattle, USA				
Portland, USA				
Rotterdam, Netherlands				
London, United Kingdom				
Ireland				

Figure 1.

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