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Subject: Affordable Housing

Dear Mayor Finch and Council,

Thank you for your efforts in attracting development to our community, particularly those that can afford to spend 30% of their before tax income on housing.

With 1/2 of our local population earning less than the living wage, of approximately \$18 hourly, many of the new developments are not within the budget of 1/2 of our population.

Council has provided assistance to developers in the past, such as roadway expenses, and smaller lots, increased density, less parking, etc., but unsure if that has actually made a difference in affordability.

I have attached an article from AMO , in hopes that council would become familiar with the tools, and relationships with other levels of government that are available.

We have representatives at county council, and council members who attend conventions, and have opportunities to lead our community in building the next generation of affordable housing.

The article is a discussion paper “ Fixing the Housing Affordability Crisis”.

Respectfully submitted,

<https://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-PDFs/Reports/2019/Fixing-Housing-Affordability-Crisis-2019-08-14-RPT.aspx>

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