

**OVERVIEW:** An Affordable Housing Strategy is an action-oriented framework that guides a local government response to maintain and create safe, suitable, and affordable housing options for its residents.

The **purpose** of an affordable housing strategy document is to address the City's housing needs and provide more diverse housing options that address housing gaps identified in the City's 2021 Housing Needs Report, in both the short term and long term.

Key findings from the 2021 Housing Needs Report represent the basis from which the strategic priorities, actions and initiatives have been identified for this strategy document and the listed actions will enable the City to move forward toward its key goal – affordable housing.

The several draft actions and initiatives listed (and to be listed) under each strategic priority address different issues and opportunities related to affordable housing. This will be further refined in consultation with the Housing Advisory Committee before a draft document is prepared to be presented to Council.

The following is an outline of various sections that staff will be working to develop for the strategy document:

- Introduction
- About the Strategy
  - City's Role in Affordable housing and Past achievements
  - Defining the affordability crises and drivers of housing costs;
  - Roles of various levels of government, non-profit, and private sectors
- The housing continuum and market and non-market housing;
- Identifying key issues, current housing affordability pressures, and priority groups
- Setting out ways to meet future affordable housing needs i.e. Strategic priorities, Implementation Plan
- Conclusion

The following chart (see next page) is a simple layout of how each strategic priority will be laid out in the document:

OVERVIEW OF WHITE ROCK'S DRAFT AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGY (AHS)

