

**Affordable Housing Advocacy Goals:**

2018 Approved Advocacy Goals	Refreshed Advocacy Priorities for 2021-2022 (Council approved 2021 May)
<p>1. Create a citizen-centric housing system that focuses on people’s needs and supports progress through the housing spectrum.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor and respond to implementation of the Government of Alberta’s Affordable Housing Review Panel** recommendations including establishment of a provincial strategic plan for affordable housing, a tenant access portal for affordable housing and considerations related to asset transfer.</li> <li>• Identify the role of The City in better supporting the delivery of affordable housing for urban Indigenous Calgarians.</li> </ul> <p>** (Now called the Strategic Plan for Housing).</p>
<p>2. All orders of government need to work together to create a strong network of non-profit housing providers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to champion federal and provincial investment in the <i>COVID-19 Community Affordable Housing Advocacy Plan</i> which seeks to create 5,400 homes across the continuum including 600 homes for people exiting homelessness, within three years.</li> </ul>
<p>3. Sustained, expanded and consistent capital funding is required to address deferred maintenance and increase the supply of non-market housing in Calgary from 3% to 6%.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to work with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to ensure all funding streams of the National Housing Strategy (i.e. Co-Investment, Rental Construction Financing, Rapid Housing Initiative) effectively address key housing needs. Seek to prioritize grant-based funding over equity investments and loans.</li> <li>• Work with the federal government and CMHC on the round of the Rapid Housing Initiative:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Advocate with CMHC for adjustments to RHI criteria related to typology, operational funding and project risk.</li> <li>○ Advocate with the Government of Alberta to engage in RHI and consider operational and program funding for supportive housing in units created with RHI capital funds.</li> <li>○ Support Calgary’s non-market housing sector through RHI by reviewing and enabling City supports.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Advocate for provincial capital funding to enable delivery of The City’s 10 Year Affordable Housing Capital Development Plan and to implement the 2019 COVID-19 Community/Advocacy Plan.</li> <li>• The City has long advocated to the province on the need for modernizing the Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Regulation (COPTER) to improve tax fairness and reflect the unique service provided by non-profit housing providers.</li> </ul>
<p>4. Support housing providers to transition to sustainable operating models with no net loss of high need households served.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner with Calgary Housing Company on the negotiation of operating agreements for provincially owned housing, and the transition to a predictable and sustainable financial model.</li> </ul>