

Roles of The City in Affordable Housing

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Corporate Affordable Housing Strategy (2002)

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1. Manage & Operate Non-Market Housing
2. Administration of Resources from other Governments
3. Direct Funding Developments

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- Rent Supplement Program
- Community and Neighbourhood Services
- Calgary Police Service

Goals

- To be the primary provider of the non-market, non-seniors housing portfolio in Calgary.
- To effectively coordinate and administer Federal and Provincial housing programs and support services as requested by provincial and federal governments that relate in part to the provision of affordable housing.
- To strategically contribute municipal resources to the development of new affordable housing projects, leveraging other contributions.



Crestwood



Parkdale

BUILDING WITH PURPOSE

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4. Strategic Partnerships

Goals

- To pursue partnerships with the public, private and community sectors to facilitate the provision of affordable housing;
- To partner in land development for housing projects; and,
- To establish links with special groups working towards housing solutions.

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Louise Station



Alice Bissett

5. Planning & Regulation

- To encourage competition and choice in the housing marketplace;
- To support and provide implementation tools for affordable housing initiatives;
- To facilitate research and experimentation to reduce housing costs through innovation in housing types and construction methods;
- To explore ways to expedite the development process for affordable housing projects; and
- To actively pursue changes to statutory regulations and the building code to facilitate affordable housing.

- Research on density bonusing
- Corporate Planning Applications Group (CPAG)
- Social Planning Review Committee (SPRC)
- Land Use Bylaw
- MDP, and New Communities Guidebook
- “one-window” approach for affordable housing developments
- Municipal Government Act (MGA) discussions
- Big Cities Charter discussions

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6. Community Development & Education

Goals

- To increase community and stakeholder awareness and capacity to support affordable housing initiatives (e.g. build awareness in the private sector of their role).

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- Stakeholder Engagement Process Map



7. Research

- To collect, analyse, evaluate and initiate research to support Corporate housing initiatives;
- To disseminate research, to facilitate the research of others, and to develop a common understanding of housing needs in Calgary.

- Affordable Housing Needs Assessment
- 2011 Non-Market Housing Survey
- Housing Preferences Research
- Trip Generation Study
- Parking Utilization Study
- Canadian Municipal Housing Policy Research

8. Advocacy

- To encourage changes in policy by other orders of government to foster the development and funding of affordable housing and adequate support services.

