

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

REVISED

Committee of the Whole (1)

DATE: Tuesday, October 3, 2023

TITLE: REDUCING BARRIERS TO MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
OPTIONS

FROM: Mayor Steven Del Duca

Whereas, between 2011 and 2021, Vaughan experienced a population increase of almost 30 per cent, and is forecasted to grow by 66 per cent by 2051 for a minimum total population of 570,000; and

Whereas, in March 2023, Vaughan Council approved a commitment to the Ontario government's Housing Pledge that included a provincially mandated housing target for Vaughan of 42,000 housing units by 2031; and

Whereas, the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) grant program represents an opportunity for the City to refine the policies, procedures and processes to manage development in an effort to increase the supply of housing consistent with the Housing Pledge; and

Whereas, Bill 23, amended the *Planning Act* to create a new provincial threshold for what is permitted and moving toward "as-of-right" zoning to meet planned minimum density targets; and

Whereas, the City of Vaughan now currently permits "as-of-right" building **permits** for up to 3 residential units in accordance with Bill 23; and

Whereas, the City of Vaughan would like to further promote environmental sustainability with more efficient land use and provide more affordable housing options for families by reducing unnecessary barriers.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That staff BE DIRECTED to prepare a zoning by-law amendment that would permit "as-of-right" building **permits** for up to four (4) residential units on a property wherever zoning permits single, semi or street townhouses for consideration by Council as soon as permitted by the statutory requirements of the *Planning Act*.

Financial and Staff Resource Impact

This resolution has no financial impacts.

Attachments:

None.