What's new in Housing for 2024?

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Agenda

- National, Provincial and Municipal (Calgary/Edmonton)
 Overview
- Calgary/Edmonton-specific Updates
- Get Involved!
 - Alberta's Autism Alliance
 - Autism Housing Network of Alberta (AHNA)
- Questions/Discussion



National Housing Strategy (2019)

National Autism Strategy

Neuro-inclusivity in Housing (Carleton Accessibility Institute)



Alberta Housing Amendment Act (2021)

Stronger Foundations: 10-year Strategy to Improve and Expand Affordable Housing (2021)

Alberta's Autism Alliance: Autism Society of Alberta



Affordable Housing Needs Assessment
Affordable Housing Strategy

Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

City Planning, including Zoning Bylaw

Autism Edmonton

Multi-stakeholder investment and co-operation

What is Multi-Stakeholder Investment and Cooperation?

- Grant opportunities, i.e. Affordable housing grants
- Joint housing ventures between Public, Private and Philanthropic
- Autism Independent Living Association
- Project HOPE (Edmonton) and Legacy on 5th (Calgary)
- Conditions for funding, i.e. Housing Accelerator Fund

Calgary – Updates (2023-2026 Budget and adjustments)

- Existing 26 million for 2023.
- 30 million to build housing for Indigenous and equity deserving populations
- 60 million to leverage funding from other orders of government to support partners to build new affordable housing
- 27 million in annual funding + 55 million one-time 2024 funding to fund four programs:
- City of Calgary secondary suite incentive program
- Downtown office to residential conversion program
- Land fund to increase the number of parcels available for development
- One Window program to create a co-ordinated intake process for the city's affordable housing providers

Received 228 million from HAF

<u>Proposed rezoning:</u> A public hearing date has been set for April 22, 2024. This is when Administration will present a recommended approach to citywide rezoning to Council

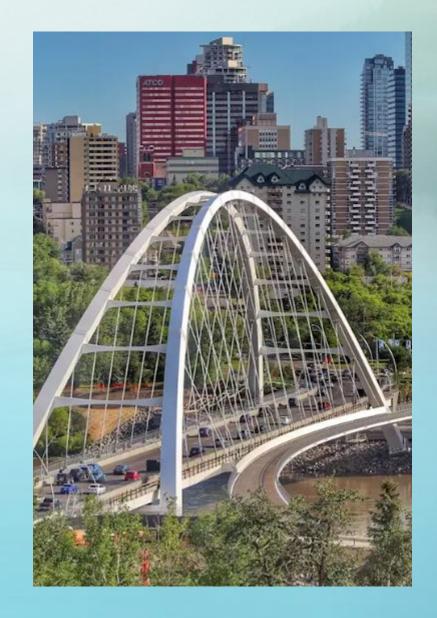


Edmonton – Updates (2023-2026 Budget and Adjustments)

- Existing: \$26.25 million in affordable housing land acquisition and site development.
- \$22.9 million more to acquire land for affordable housing projects.
- \$18.7 million more, on an ongoing basis, for affordable housing and homelessness prevention.
- Funding the affordable housing grant program with around \$6 million next year and onwards, with an additional \$500,000 in 2024.
- Downtown Office conversion: Downtown Community Revitalization Levy (CRL) report due spring
- Secondary Suite Grant funding program

HAF submission made in June 2023

<u>Rezoning passed:</u> The bylaw gets rid of single-home zoning, allowing for three-story tall townhouses, row houses, duplexes and in some cases small apartments in any residential area citywide starting in the new year



Rural Housing - updates

https://www.housingredefined.ca/enabling-housing-choice-project

 Recommendations include establishing a reserve fund for affordable housing, acquiring underutilized land, making zoning flexible to accommodate a diversity of housing option and creating a guidebook for diversifying housing development in rural communities.



Autism Alberta's Alliance Event

June 13th and 14th:

https://autismalberta.ca/co
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Preparing for Independent Living

- Videos
- Toolkits
- Support Options
- Housing Directories
- Calendar of events
- Archive of past meetings
- Monthly meetings
- Join our mailing list!!



autismalberta.ca/housing

Recommendations

- autismalberta.ca/housing
 - AHNA Mailing List
 - Survey
 - Affordable Housing Lists
 - Family Resource Centre Calendar
 - Preparing for Independent Living

Housing Consultation:

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Upcoming Events and Trainings

Preparing for Independent Living: Panel
 February 28th at 6:30 in-person and virtual

 Christopher Whelan: Self Advocate Guide to Housing March 5th

