

HOW'S YOUR HOUSING SCORECARD DETAILS

Please see below for more information on each of our scorecard metrics and how they were calculated.

Lower Land Costs for Efficient Homebuilding (180/500 points)

To ensure the cost of building efficiently isn't artificially inflated by land costs, towns and cities must provide **"as of right" permission for six-storey apartment buildings** with 6-60 units, and with unlimited floor space, and lenient "built form" restrictions that make them practical to build on the vast majority of residential "neighbourhood" lots touching **arterials, collectors, "avenues", residential "major streets"** and, ideally, many stretches of local streets. They must also provide the same kind of "as of right" permission for lowrise "fourplex" apartment buildings of 3 or 4 storeys on almost all their interior residential lots.

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Lower Construction costs for Efficient Housing (130/500 points)

To unlock the natural efficiency of mid-rise and multiplex infill construction, towns and cities must stop artificially burdening it with mandates like **on-site parking**, **"step-back"**, and **waste loading** bays. However it's just as important for them to crack down on the sprawl that diverts scarce construction labour, equipment, materials and infrastructure *away* from more efficient ways of building: both by **refusing to approve "greenfield"** development, and, for central municipalities with no unprotected "greenfield" land, by proactively **planning to house far more new residents** than the provincial government has assigned to them.

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Fee Structures that favour efficient homebuilding (100/500 points)

Municipalities must selectively slash or eliminate development charges for new homes built in mid-rise and multiplex buildings that use *existing* streets and sidewalks, and proactively fix "weak links" or "bottlenecks" that could impede infill. At the same time, they should increase or refuse to reduce development charges for detached homes or for "greenfield" development, which requires almost all

infrastructure be built from scratch, and prohibit “communal sewage systems” and other risky and short-sighted sprawl developer workarounds.

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Lower “Red tape” costs for efficient homebuilding (90/500 points)

Municipalities should work to make it quicker, simpler, easier and more reliable to get permits for 3 and 4-storey multiplex, and 5 and 6-storey mid-rise apartment buildings, than for single, semi-detached or “greenfield” development. In addition to allowing proactively for these densities and building types, they should assign specialized approval teams, streamline minor variance processes, and prioritize variances that would allow reuse of existing structures and preservation of existing trees without loss of liveable space.

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