

The Housing We Need.

We face important decisions in the coming municipal election. Our votes for Mayor and Councillors will set the stage for the kind of housing we need in the next four years and beyond. **Here are key issues to discuss with candidates.**

Housing That Meets Our Needs

Our kids can't find affordable homes, seniors can't downsize without more options, and workers and others face high rental rates and low vacancies. We need action to:

- ✓ Revise zoning bylaws and development processes to make it easier to build a range of housing beyond just single family subdivisions.
- ✓ Partner with developers and non-profit agencies to build affordable homes as part of mixed market rental and condo developments, and offer municipal incentives for including affordable units.

Preserve Our Neighbourhoods and Downtown Core

With more people settling in our area, developers are bringing their own plans and ideas for developments instead of the Municipality setting out its vision of what kind of housing is needed, and what our neighbourhoods and downtown core should look like. It's time for Council to:

- ✓ Consult with residents and set out parameters to revise our Official Plan to meet growing needs while preserving our rural and small town charm.
- ✓ Establish clear and updated guidelines for residential and commercial development.

Take Action As A Caring Community

Rather than stonewalling, we need action and Council to:

- ✓ Actively work collaboratively with the County, its municipalities and the province to help solve homelessness, mental health and drug issues through services for recovery, treatment, housing and wraparound support that are spread across the region.
- ✓ Work with the County, non-profit agencies, housing and health providers to build successful supportive housing and affordable housing as has been done in other municipalities. It's a lower cost option than policing, detention and hospital costs.



Questions to Ask Candidates

01. What will you do to promote more affordable housing in our Municipality?
02. What will you do to preserve our rural and small town charm while accommodating residential and commercial growth?
03. What actions will you take in cooperation with Northumberland County government to create supportive housing across the region?"

***Check with your municipality
for a list of candidates.***

**Join Us To Vote For The
Housing We Need!**

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Source/references:

1. CFUW National Resolutions on Affordable Housing. 2. United Way's Community Matters: Developing a Community Action Plan for Housing event, August 25, 2026.