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Via Email:

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Re: Pre-Review of Ontario Housing Design Catalogue Housing Options

Please be advised that at its meeting held on November 10, 2025, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 202-25.

Whereas Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada has released its housing design catalogue helping Canada build smarter homes; and,

Whereas the Housing Design Catalogue provides tools to increase housing options within existing neighbourhoods through gentle density; and,

Whereas communities across Canada are looking for new and innovative ways to bring housing to all Canadians; and,

Whereas the Government of Canada is drawing inspiration from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's post-war housing design catalogue, first developed between the 1940s and 1970s. The modern catalogue draws on lessons from our history and applies them to the housing challenges of today; and,

Whereas the catalogue offers 7 models for Ontario housing projects including varieties of Accessory Dwelling Units, Fourplexes, Sixplexes, and Stacked Townhouses; and,

Whereas the designs prioritize energy efficiency, accessibility, and livability, and they have been developed by local architects and engineers to comply with regional building codes; and,

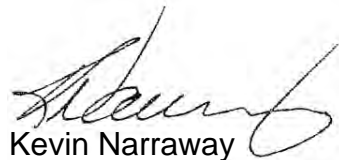
Whereas the Housing Design Catalogue helps municipalities, builders and homeowners build more homes faster, and is ideal for encouraging gentle density and infill development; and,

Whereas the Town of Whitby Planning and Development Department is already implementing similar planning policies under the Provincial Planning Act; and,

Whereas streamlining new housing will allow the Town of Whitby to build faster.  
Now therefore it be resolved:

1. That Staff be directed to report to Council on the Ontario Housing Design Catalogue housing options and a process for the Town to incorporate the Housing Design Catalogue into the Town's Building Permit Review and Approval process; and,
2. That a copy of this motion be sent to MP Ryan Turnbull, MPP Lorne Coe, AMO, OBCM, the Region of Durham, and the local municipalities in Durham Region.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning and Development Department at 905-430-4306.



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