

1. Have you or anyone you know had difficulty finding affordable housing?
2. There are a number of possible barriers to finding affordable housing in Pickering. We've listed some below, and there may be others. Tell us what type of housing you are looking for, and what are you finding or not finding? Why it is not suitable?
 - a. Type, size of dwelling
 - b. Availability of desired tenure
 - c. Location is too distant from work, or school, or amenities
 - d. Access to support services (full time home care, counselling)
 - e. Condition of rental housing
 - f. Accessibility (design of dwelling: wider doorways, at-grade access, open and accessible floor plans, etc.)
 - g. Price
 - h. Other (please clarify/list)
3. Older adults currently represent the fastest growing segment of the population in Pickering, and are forecast to represent an increasing share of the population over the next decade. By 2032, the older adult population in Pickering is projected to reach approximately 68,300, which represents approximately 43% of the total population.¹ In consideration of housing needs and affordability, how should the City address this forecasted increase in the older adult population of Pickering?
4. The majority of dwellings in Pickering are owned (87.4%) compared to those that are rented (12.6%)². How important is it for the City to address this imbalance between ownership and rental housing?
5. Housing Options means a range of housing types such as, but not limited to single-detached, semi-detached, rowhouses, townhouses, stacked townhouses, multiplexes, accessory residential units, tiny homes, multi-residential buildings. It also refers to the type of tenure: ownership; or rental. The term can also refer to a variety of housing arrangements and forms such as, but not limited to life lease housing, co-ownership housing, co-operative housing, community land trusts, land lease community homes, affordable housing, housing for people with special needs, and housing related to employment, institutional or educational uses.³

When you think about housing options in Pickering, what do you see is lacking?

6. Affordable housing means annual housing costs (rent or mortgage payments) that do not exceed 30 percent of gross household income.⁴ How important is it for the City to address affordable housing?
7. What are your thoughts about the City providing financial incentives for affordable housing?

¹ Pickering Age Friendly Community Plan, Final Report, September 12, 2019

² 2016 Statistics Canada Census

³ Provincial Policy Statement, 2020

⁴ National Housing Strategy, Glossary of Common Terms and City of Pickering Official Plan