
4 As Of Right

Why it is needed for Oakville

My story

I've been a renter in Oakville for the past two years and have seen my rent and the rent in the area around me increase steadily year by year.

Affordability and cost of living has become a huge challenge in the area.

I'm a pharmacy assistant and work in the healthcare industry providing essential services to my area.

I love my neighbourhood but the rising costs are making it unaffordable to live in as time passes.

The solution -More Housing Density

4 as of right helps us achieve this. We need more housing and we need it yesterday. More dense housing in 4 as of right will help in reducing the housing shortage in the area.

→ **Affordability**

Oakville will be able to provide better standards of living by reducing cost of housing

→ **Missing Middle**

Gives opportunity to build housing density without bigger Condo Towers

→ **More employment opportunities**

More construction means more jobs for the residents of Oakville

Also to consider- Climate Change

Denser communities lead to reduced resource utilisation and would help in reducing severity of the ongoing Climate Crisis

We need to take action-

Denser housing not only reduces resource utilisation in its construction, but also leads to less waste of resources over time in reducing transit, reducing electricity and water usage per person.

Dense Housing is the Future

Many municipalities around Oakville have already embraced 4 as of right and the housing crisis is something both homeowners and renters in Oakville are suffering from.

If we want to prepare Oakville for the future and maintain our city as the affordable, vibrant community it is, we need to take steps to encourage more dense housing construction and reduce the amount residents spend on housing each month.

Oakville is not even in the Top 30 most populated municipalities in Canada but still has the 5th most expensive rent prices.

<https://www.cicnews.com/2023/11/the-most-and-least-expensive-cities-for-renters-in-canada-1141503.html#gs.6x51jk>

We need to ensure that Oakville remains a viable financial option for residents to continue to stay in and we are not priced out of the city and neighborhoods that we love and cherish

Affordability severely affects younger people and seniors alike.

The seniors in our community are not able to move to a more suitable unit for their changing needs.

Younger people just starting on their financial journey are unable to afford to live in the area due to lower incomes

→ We need affordable housing

Sprawl is not the answer to the housing shortage, increased density is the way forward.

Increased sprawl leads to increased costs of transit/car usage , with increased effects on the climate crisis and more resource utilisation per person.

We can also build more houses with less costs and less laying down of power and water lines with dense housing.