The City of Barrie invites you to an Open House to present and discuss the proposed Affordable Housing Strategy including Second Suites

Affordable housing is becoming an increasingly significant issue in the City of Barrie. In accordance with Council direction, the City has prepared a draft Affordable Housing Strategy to address the issue of housing and homelessness within the City. The Strategy examines the current (2013) housing situation in Barrie and recommends a series of action items ranging from amendments to the City’s Official Plan and Zoning By-law to enacting a demolition control by-law for rental housing. This includes a review of the zoning permissions for secondary suites in the residential areas of the City.

The Open House on **Wednesday April 16, 2014** will review the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law revisions related to secondary suites. Secondary suites are sometimes referred to as two-unit houses, basement apartment or in-law suites. Other City staff will also be available to answer questions. On Thursday April 24, 2014 there will be a second Open House on the other aspects of the proposed Strategy.

The draft Strategy recommends broadening the zones permitted for secondary suites (including accessory structures to these dwellings) into the R1, R2, R3 & R4 zones. Included are specific development standards as follows:

- Each dwelling containing a second suite would be required to provide a minimum of 1 parking space per unit.
- Only one second suite would be permitted per detached dwelling.
- Second suites would be restricted to a minimum of 35m² and a maximum of 50m² in either the main or accessory building.

Planning staff will present the proposed Strategy, and will invite feedback and questions following the presentation.

**Open House on proposed Secondary Suites**
**Wednesday April 16, 2014, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00p.m.**
**Huronia Rooms A & B (2nd Floor)**
**City Hall, 70 Collier Street**
**Barrie, Ontario**

For more information or to provide feedback, please contact Ross Cotton, Policy Planner; rcotton@barrie.ca, 705-739-4220 ext. 5135.

Information on the draft Affordable Housing Strategy can be located at the following web page:

[http://www.barrie.ca/Doing%20Business/PlanningandDevelopment/Pages/AffordableHousing.aspx](http://www.barrie.ca/Doing%20Business/PlanningandDevelopment/Pages/AffordableHousing.aspx)