

## 6. Housing

### a/ Issue Statement

In spite of being a relatively wealthy city, Calgary still has many citizens struggling to find adequate housing. Working poor, fixed income people and new immigrants are amongst those facing this challenge. While local and provincial housing plans have been formulated, much still needs to be done.

*We believe that The City needs to be proactive in the implementation of these housing plans and explore additional means to address the provision of adequate housing.*

### b/ Background

In Calgary, there continues to be shortage of affordable housing. While much work has been done in regards to homeless people, there is the continuum of need including working poor, fixed income people and new immigrants. Immigration is key to providing people for future growth and economic sustainment.

There has been much discussion of secondary suites during the last three years and there is a wide spectrum of points of view on this matter. Nevertheless, this is one housing option that needs a concerted effort to resolve how it is approached and encouraged where appropriate. Some of the discussion has been coloured by the “illegal” suites that exist all over the City. Secondary suites are the legal alternative to illegal suites. By clarifying and, if possible, simplifying the approval processes and confirm the locations where secondary suites can be built, it would help depoliticize this issue. There needs to be proactive consultation with communities on this matter to first get the correct information to them and secondly explore under what conditions they would be acceptable to communities.

### c/ Questions for the Candidate

What do you believe The City could do to increase the supply of more affordable housing in Calgary?

What is your position on secondary suites?