



Memorandum to Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

To: Affordable Housing Advisory Committee File No: 0540-20
Date: April 21, 2026
From: Trisa Atwood, Manager, Community Planning and Sustainability
Subject: Administrative Updates for Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

Purpose: To provide the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee with updates from Administration related to housing.

Recommendation:

THAT the memorandum titled Administrative Updates for Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, dated April 21, 2026, be received.

Background:

Administration has the following housing-related updates for the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee:

1. On December 15, 2025, Official Community Plan Bylaw 6200 (OCP) was adopted by Council. The OCP provides the community vision, values, and growth strategy to accommodate 20,000 new residents and over 11,000 new homes over the next 20 years. The OCP focuses on increasing residential density within the Urban Containment Boundary, where infrastructure already exists. Chapter 4.1 – Housing includes objectives and policies related to affordable housing, rental housing, special needs housing, and workforce housing. The OCP also includes 7 actions related to housing that will guide Administration’s work plan over the next 5 years to streamline housing approvals. For more information and to read the OCP, visit www.vernon.ca/ocp.
2. On March 23, 2026, Administration presented the [Housing Target Order Progress Report to Council](#), which was then submitted to the Ministry of Housing on March 24, 2026. For the six-month progress reporting period of September 1, 2025, to February 28, 2026, the City of Vernon issued occupancy for 270 housing units, and 12 housing units were demolished, for a net total of 258 new housing units. The Provincial Housing Target Progress Report Form is provided as Attachment 1 to this Memorandum.

3. On March 23, 2026, Council passed the following resolution related to the [Official Community Plan Amendment Application for 580 Commonage Rd](#):

THAT “580 Commonage Road Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 6067, 2026”, to amend Official Community Plan Bylaw 6200, be read a 1st time;

AND FURTHER, that prior to Council consideration of 2nd reading, a comprehensive lifecycle cost analysis that aligns with industry best practices and a terms of reference approved by Council be submitted from a qualified asset management professional;

AND FURTHER, that final adoption of the Official Community Plan Amendment be considered subsequent to the registration of a Section 219 Restrictive Covenant for Attainable Housing and the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding for Infrastructure and Amenities Implementation Framework.”

Communication:

N/A

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Housing Target Progress Report

Approved by: Sue Wood, Director, Corporate Services