



## News Release

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# Increasing Housing in Dufferin County

Dufferin - It's time to talk about housing in Dufferin County!

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) is creating an action plan to expand housing in Ontario. The County of Dufferin will take advantage of an opportunity to inform the ministry on the current housing climate in Dufferin County as well as strategies on how to make improvements. Residents of Dufferin County are invited to provide their ideas into this process.

The ministry has identified five specific topics of interest:

- **Speed** - Does it take too long for development projects to get approved?
- **Mix** - Are there are too many restrictions on what can be built to get the right mix of housing where it is needed?
- **Cost** - Are development costs too high because of high land prices and government imposed fees and charges?
- **Rent** - Is it too difficult to be a landlord in Ontario, and are tenants being protected?
- **Innovation** - What other concerns, opportunities and innovations should be considered to increase housing supply?

In an effort to hear from all Dufferin County stakeholders, three consultation sessions are being held:

- Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at the Grand Valley and District Community Centre, Grand Valley, ON
- Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Tony Rose Memorial Centre Banquet Room, Orangeville, ON
- Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Mel Lloyd Centre Auditorium, Shelburne, ON

All sessions are free and open to the public, however registration is required. To register for one of these consultation sessions please visit <https://goo.gl/1KxVb5>.

If you are not able to attend a consultation, the County of Dufferin still wants to hear from you! Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TZT5XVJ> to respond to a brief survey.

For more information on the need to increase housing options in Ontario, the Ministry has developed the following resources:

<http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=19940>

<http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?vid=26068>

Have your say, and help create a strategy to make positive change to the housing issues in Dufferin County.

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