

Affordable Housing Motions before recent Regular Sessions of Synod

The following chart is available to help members compare the affordable housing motion coming to Synod with past motions. Highlighted colours illustrate the parts of the motions that overlap

Synod 2023	Synod 2022	Synod 2022	Synod 2022	Synod 2022	Synod 2019
Motion# 11A	Motion# 11A	Motion #11C	Motion #11E	Motion# 11F	Motion #11
Affordable Housing	<i>FOR INFORMATION ONLY</i>	<i>FOR INFORMATION ONLY</i>	<i>FOR INFORMATION ONLY</i>	<i>FOR INFORMATION ONLY</i>	<i>FOR INFORMATION ONLY</i>
<p>MOVED by John van Nostrand and SECONDED by the Rev. Canon John Hill that the Synod adopts a definitive strategy for utilizing its lands and buildings to support the development of Affordable Housing; and,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the strategy address matters of housing equity, including supportive housing, homelessness, sheltering, transitional/interim housing, other forms of housing inequity; and, in particular, the needs of newcomer and/or refugees who are either Anglicans, or those with similar beliefs; and, 2. That the strategy addresses the assurance of housing affordability by considering various models including sustainable affordable housing, rent-geared-to-income (RGI), rent supplement, affordable ownership, etc; and, 3. That the strategy prioritizes the development of vacant and underutilized assets for affordable housing development. 	<p>MOVED by Frank Cormier and SECONDED by Marion Thompson that the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto direct the Synod Council to draft,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revisions to the policies, Canons, and Constitution, as applicable, of the Diocese to facilitate parishes engaging in creative and innovative land uses and partnerships; and 2. Diocesan policies that give preference to the use of surplus Diocesan lands for the purpose of affordable housing and other community centric uses, where appropriate. And that those draft revisions be brought forward at the next session of Synod for consideration. <p>CARRIED.</p>	<p>MOVED by the Rev. Hernan Astudillo and SECONDED by the Rev. Dr. Catherine Keating that the 161st Synod of the Diocese of Toronto recommends that the Diocese responds to the affordable housing crisis across the Diocese by appointing and hiring a full-time Director who is completely experienced in building affordable housing, the funding for this position to be realized through the establishment of partnership and require Synod Council to make any necessary adjustments to the budget to make the hiring possible reporting back to Synod and the Diocese in 6 months and continue to do so at 6 month intervals until a Director has been hired. NOT CARRIED.</p>	<p>MOVED by the Rev. Angie Hocking and SECONDED by the Rev. Jeff Nowers that this Synod ensure that the Affordable Housing Plan (Motion #11, 2019) is implemented in a way that prioritizes the wellbeing of our communities as well as our congregations by</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. aiming to increase the number of affordable units in each new housing project; ii. ensuring that a meaningful portion of new housing is financially accessible to those with incomes equal to or less than current social assistance levels; iii. considering all diocesan lands as potential sites for affordable housing, especially vacant and under-utilized lands. <p>CARRIED.</p>	<p>MOVED by the Rev. Dr. Jason McKinney and SECONDED by the Rev. Angie Hocking that this Synod request Synod Council to respond to the affordable housing crisis across the diocese by developing an Affordable Housing Plan. This Plan will</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. determine the feasibility of building affordable housing on diocesan-owned lands; ii. prioritize strategic partnerships with industry experts in the fields of planning, development, and affordable housing provision; iii. establish specific achievable targets iv. clearly define the meaning of affordability for each project. <p>CARRIED.</p>	<p>MOVED by the Rev. Dr. Jason McKinney and SECONDED by the Rev. Canon David Harrison that this Synod request Diocesan Council (or its successor) to respond to the affordable housing crisis across the diocese by developing an Affordable Housing Plan. This Plan will</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. determine the feasibility of building affordable housing on diocesan-owned lands; ii. prioritize strategic partnerships with industry experts in the fields of planning, development, and affordable housing provision; iii. establish specific achievable targets (e.g. 250 units by 2024) <p>The Plan should be completed by November 30, 2020 at which time a report to Synod and to the diocese will be made. CARRIED.</p>