

Steps for Creating a Regional Housing Strategy

Step 1: Gather & Compile Information

Community vs. Regional Needs

Determine what each community's housing needs are and what is needed as a region.

- What types of housing will be needed as a region? (i.e. If a mine is being developed in the area, who will it attract and what types of housing will be needed?)
- As an individual community? (i.e. What is your current housing issue: need for senior's complexes, single family homes, etc?)

Please see MCDP Housing Questionnaire

Individual Community Statistics

Determine what is available and the types of housing that is for sale or for rent. Identify any available lots and land that could be used for potential housing development (review individual land use and zoning bylaws, is there land that could be annexed?)



Step 2: Appoint a Committee to:

Layout a plan

Assess and compile the needs and statistical information to make an analysis and recommendations for the regions housing strategy. Include the purpose of the project(s), timeframes, resources and responsibilities. Consider your regions assets and uniqueness and how you can emphasize these through a strategy. Consider hiring external technical support and/or a consultant to determine the best strategy.

Complete the Plan

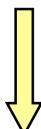
Consider available financial support and resources (local and outside investors, grants, loans, etc.) to assist with completing the strategy.

Please see MCDP list of Housing Resources

Distribute the Outcomes

Advertise for a planner and for potential developers/investors.

Consider developing a regional website to advertise the opportunities.



Step 3: Apply the Information:

Official Community Plans and Regional Plans

In order to make the desired strategies a reality, it is important for each community involved to adopt the recommendations as policies. The compiled information can be used and adopted within a Regional Plan.