



**Housing Services
Services de logement**

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Visit-Ability in Social and Affordable Housing

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Overview

- ❑ City of Ottawa - Housing Services Branch
- ❑ Accessibility needs on the City's Centralized Waiting List
- ❑ Visit-Ability & Accessibility Standards for Affordable Housing
- ❑ Examples of Visit-Able Projects
- ❑ Challenges and Opportunities



John Howard Society, 324 Gardner Street

Housing Services Branch

Vision

.....a city of caring *communities* where everyone has a *place to call home*.

Mission

...work with our *partners* to strengthen Ottawa's system of *housing and supports* to promote vibrant, inclusive and sustainable communities.



Affordable Housing Unit

- ❑ Works to advance the objectives of the City's 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan
- ❑ Works with external partners to facilitate the development of affordable housing
- ❑ Approximately 1,373 affordable units constructed since 2005

Why VisitAbility?

- ❑ Growing senior population
- ❑ *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*
- ❑ Provincial Policy Statement:
 - ❑ “healthy, liveable and safe communities are sustained by improving accessibility for persons with disabilities and older persons by identifying, preventing and removing land use barriers which restrict full participation in society”
 - ❑ “Planning authorities shall provide for an appropriate range and mix of housing types...by facilitating all forms of housing required to meet the social, health and well-being requirements of current and future residents, including *special needs* requirements”

Centralized Waiting List

- ❑ Approximately 10,800 households on CWL
- ❑ 206 modified unit requests as of December 31, 2014
- ❑ Seniors make up 21% of the total households on the CWL
- ❑ Median wait time for a modified unit is approximately 7 years

Older Adult Plan

- ❑ Informed by the World Health Organization's *Age-Friendly Cities* approach and philosophy
- ❑ Based on research and consultation with Ottawa older adults, and input from City departments/staff
- ❑ Focuses on areas that are within City mandate
- ❑ Introduces a vision for an age-friendly Ottawa, 8 strategic areas with long-term goals, and 74 concrete actions

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)

- ❑ City of Ottawa committed to meeting the requirements of the AODA

- ❑ Affordable housing projects approved and funded by the City comply with the AODA:
 - ❑ Minimum of 10% of units built are barrier free

 - ❑ Since 2002, the percentage of accessible units exceeded 12% of all units constructed

VisitAbility

- ❑ Ontario Building Code – 15% of units within a multi-unit residential building must be designed with basic accessibility features

- ❑ Consultation with housing sector

- ❑ Visit-Able Housing section recently added to City of Ottawa Accessibility Design Standards
 - ❑ *Applies to new construction of affordable rental housing in buildings of 24 or more units that are funded by the City of Ottawa.*

 - ❑ *For the private sector, visitability is encouraged for the construction and/or substantial renovation of residential housing units.*

Cumberland Housing Corp.

- ❑ 16 townhomes
- ❑ Between 3 bedroom and 5 bedroom units
- ❑ Originally planned to be 100% visitable



Perley-Rideau Veterans' Health Centre



Perley Rideau

The Perley and Rideau
Veterans' Health Centre



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Challenges

- ❑ Narrow lots / properties
- ❑ Shallow lots / properties
- ❑ Medium density buildings such as stacked townhomes and triplexes
- ❑ Storm-water Management and Grading



Opportunities



245, rue Crichton

**Old St. Patrick
redéveloppement**



Questions?

