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**Inclusionary Zoning Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Implementation Guidelines**



Far too many people in our city are struggling to pay their rent. In our Oakwood Vaughan Community the cost of housing has reached unacceptable levels and we are now in a crisis. We are witnessing the exodus of community residents who can no longer afford to live in the community they love. Families are not able to support their children who want to stay in our community. In our community of Oakwood Vaughan/Little Jamaica, the dispersal of a long-standing historic Black community continues.

As housing costs increase at breakneck speed, landlords are emboldened to "renovict" tenants. Affordable rentals are shrinking. OVCO strongly advocates for the province to allow us to implement inclusionary zoning (IZ), for secure, affordable, accessible housing. Now that we have the opportunity to finally move forward with IZ, we have a responsibility to implement a bold plan. OVCO supports [Councillor Layton's motions](#) to both increase the amount of affordable units within new developments and speed up the timelines.

Please choose to stand up for an inclusive, diverse, and healthy community!

Thank you.

Bill Worrell (he/him)  
Chair

  
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