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VISION & PRINCIPLES

4.1 VISION FOR HOUSING

The following vision for this Housing Strategy reflects feedback and input received from the community, stakeholders and Councillors during the consultation processes.

To ensure that housing in the City of Whitehorse meets residents' needs in terms of location, diversity, sustainability, accessibility, affordability and good design.

4.1.1 PRINCIPLES FOR HOUSING

- Develop housing in Whitehorse that shapes the City's urban structure to support environmental and social sustainability, resilience and the health and well being of residents.
- Encourage housing that supports preferred neighbourhood character objectives and urban design aspirations for the City.
- Promote housing growth and diversity in locations within walking distance of public transport and local services such as shops, parks and education.
- Limit residential growth in areas of valued landscape or built form character, and/or with infrastructure limitations.
- Support the housing directions of existing and future adopted Structure Plans and Urban Design Frameworks for activity centres.
- Provide a mix of housing that meets the life stage and cultural needs of residents.
- Ensure housing in substantial change areas is designed to achieve and enhance sense of place and identity, and facilitate neighbourhood participation.
- Support environmentally sustainable building, design and innovation in new housing development.
- Advocate for increases in affordable and social housing stock.