



City of Vancouver *Land Use and Development Policies and Guidelines*

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICIES

Adopted by City Council on May 8, 1989, October 17, 1989 and May 16, 1991

On May 8, 1989, Council approved the following affordable housing objectives:

- Maintain and expand housing opportunities in Vancouver for low and moderate income households, with priority being given to Downtown lodging house residents, elderly people on fixed and limited incomes, the physically and mentally disabled, and single-parent families with children.
- Encourage the distribution of acceptable housing forms and affordable shelter costs equally among all residential neighbourhoods of Vancouver rather than concentrating them in a few areas.
- Facilitate the provision of a wide range of housing forms and shelter costs to meet the housing needs of existing and future Vancouver residents of all backgrounds and lifestyles.

On October 17, 1989 Council further resolved to “adopt a broad objective to maintain, upgrade, and increase the existing stock of low-cost housing in the Downtown”.

On May 16, 1991, Council reiterated its intent to ensure one-for-one replacement of Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units in Downtown South and endorsed the principle of developing new social housing, constructing unsubsidized SRO replacement projects, and retaining and upgrading the existing SRO stock, as required in the absence of new replacement housing, with priority given to housing the existing long term Downtown South residents.

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