



# THINK tiny HOMES NORTHUMBERLAND

Delegation to Cobourg Council – Committee of the Whole  
September 13, 2021

# Why we are here

- Think Tiny Homes Northumberland (TTHN)
  - Promotes tiny homes as an approach to affordable housing
  - Chapter of Habitat for Humanity Northumberland
- Collaboration with the Town of Cobourg
  - Need help to find and secure a site
  - Policy changes
  - We help you meet the objectives of the Cobourg Affordable Housing Strategy

# Why Tiny Homes?

- Habitat's vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live
- Tiny homes are an opportunity to:
  - Increase quantity of affordable housing
  - Partner towards Habitat's vision
  - Broaden range of housing options
  - Replicate success
- COVID-19 has increased urgency to respond to the local affordable housing crisis

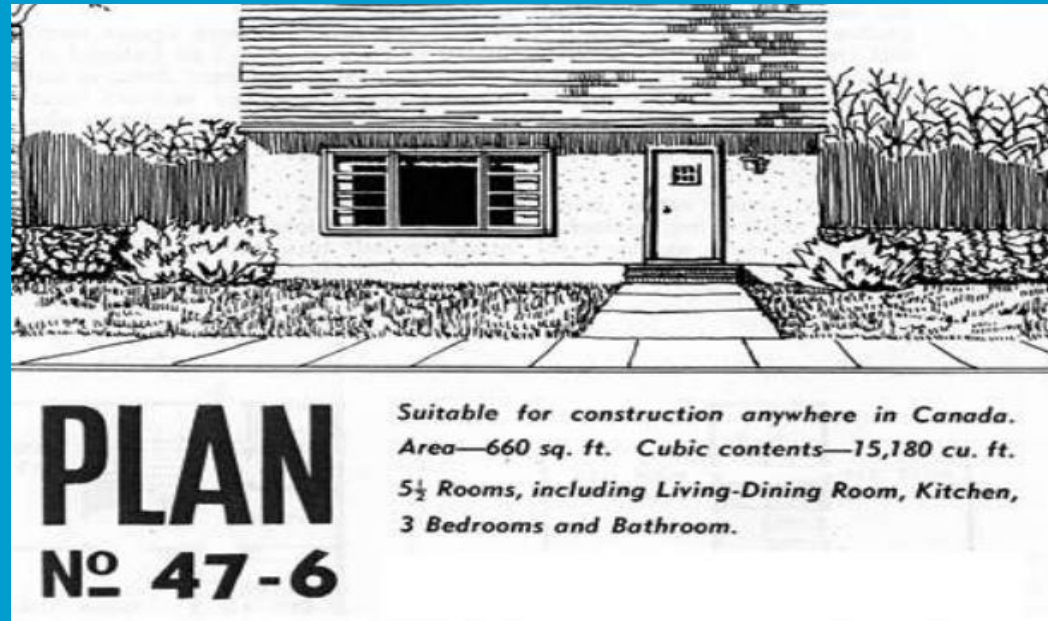
# Tiny Homes are not new to Canada

Current trend, but not new

Wartime housing still exists  
in Northumberland

...but no longer affordable

Ontario building code  
accommodates Tiny Homes



# TTHN's vision for Tiny Homes

## Our vision is....

- Permanent micro-community
- Affordable homeownership or equity building housing
- 650 ft<sup>2</sup> or less



## Our vision is not...

- Temporary or on wheels
- Warehousing of people



# Did you know?

Ontario municipalities are getting ready for Tiny Homes

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The Region of Waterloo is initiating two new affordable housing projects, offering land as an incentive

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Peterborough Council has created a task force to prepare a plan to address their housing crisis, including the creation of tiny homes

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The Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands amended its zoning by-law to accommodate tiny homes

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The Township of Edwardsburgh-Cardinal has an Official Plan that includes tiny houses as part of full range of affordable housing types

# Did you know?

Ontario municipalities are also partnering with local Habitats to develop Tiny Homes

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Kingston – City of Kingston is partnering with Habitat for Humanity on a pilot project of up to 8 micro living spaces/tiny homes. City is contributing the land and \$646,000 in funding to cover soft costs/infrastructure costs for the development.

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Sarnia – Habitat Sarnia and the organization SMALL (Sarnia Making Affordable Living in Lambton) have partnered with the City of Sarnia to possibly develop tiny homes on a piece of land donated by the city to the project.

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# Our Objective

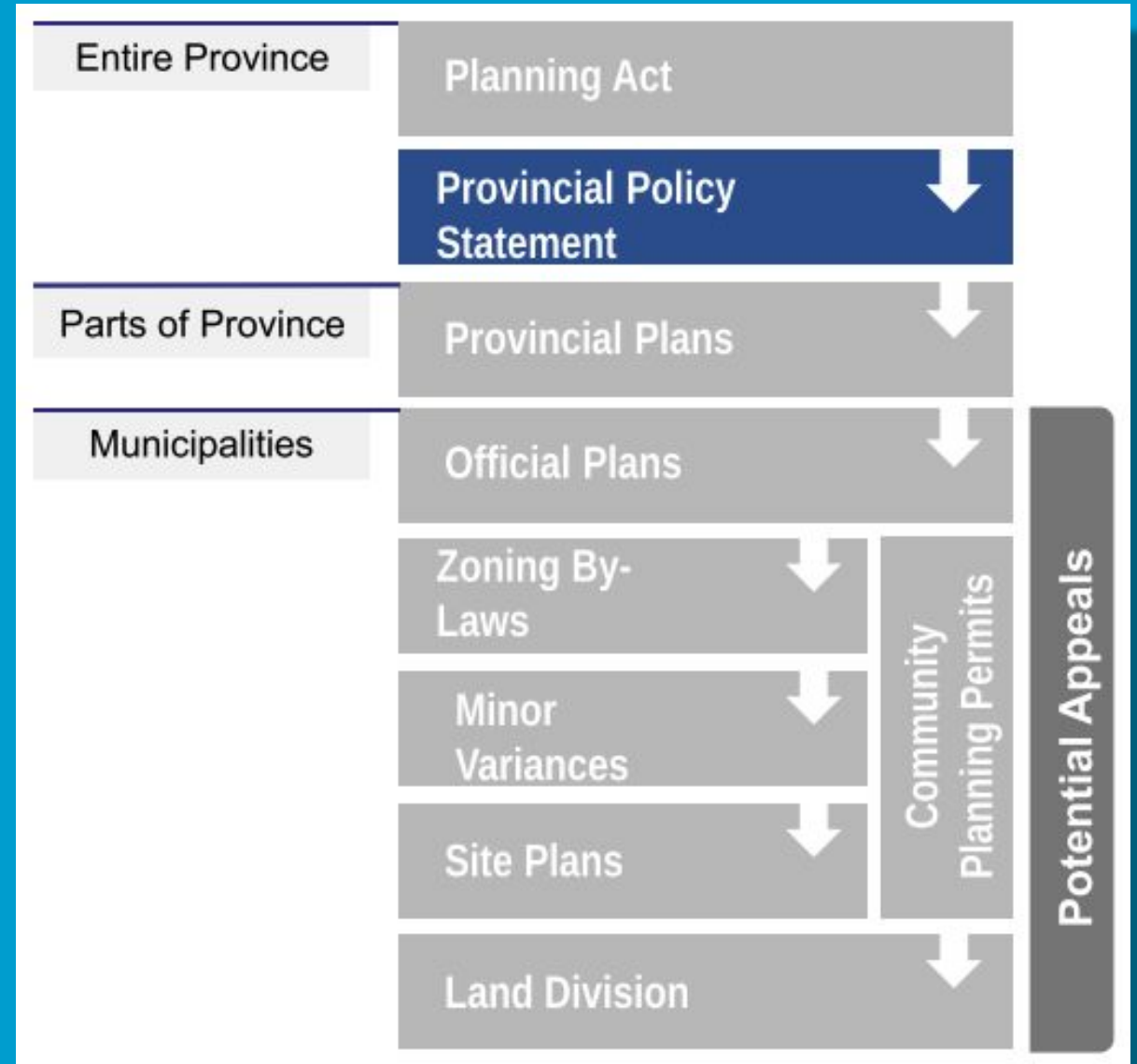
- **Micro-village** concept
  - Single parcel of land
  - Developed to accommodate several living spaces
  - Common buildings with shared outdoor space
  - Diversity of ownership and community interactions



# Alignment with Policy

## Tiny homes support the Provincial Policy Statement

- Supports housing targets
- Contributes to the range of housing options and densities
- Efficient use of resources



# Alignment with Strategy

## Tiny homes support the Northumberland and Cobourg Affordable Housing Strategies

- New housing should include units for persons living alone
- Increase supply by using partnerships
- Encourage diverse housing stock, including smaller units

### Northumberland County Affordable Housing Strategy

Final Report

February 2019

Prepared by



### Town of Cobourg Affordable Housing Strategy

Draft Report

October 2019

Prepared by



# Action requested of Cobourg Council

- Partner for mutual success
- Support identifying a site –we look forward to investigating potential sites for affordable housing, including tiny homes, to be identified in the ongoing Cobourg land inventory review
- Consider tiny homes in zoning by-law changes to enable tiny homes as an affordable housing option

# Thank you!

Your time and support  
is greatly appreciated



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