

RURAL COMMUNITIES COUNCIL

Innovation

"The Rural Communities Council encourages the continued implementation of innovative solutions relating to the housing security needs within rural communities through partnerships and strategic investments. The Council recognizes the importance of safe, sustainable, inclusive and affordable housing for all Islanders within the current unprecedented and predicted future housing climate. The inventory of housing options in rural communities should align with rural PEI's growing population and diverse socio-economic backgrounds."



Collaboration

"The Rural Communities Council supports collaboration at all levels of government to create effective solutions and policies related to the Island's housing crisis within rural communities while embracing supportive land-use planning. The Council recommends continued alignment and future alliances among the governing branches leading to long-term housing solutions for the unique rural environment of Prince Edward Island."



The Department of Fisheries and Communities will continue to work collaboratively with different levels of government and communities to look at various mechanisms to address the housing challenges across the Island.

*Michele Koughan,
Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Communities*

Positions Statements

Topic: Housing
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Labour Development

"The Rural Communities Council endorses the expansion of the government's collective efforts related to economic and labour force development. Overcoming the current housing supply challenges requires expansion of training and trades delivery within the Island's construction sector, particularly in markets that will positively impact the availability and affordability of housing."



Council Mandate

The Rural Communities Council provides advice and makes recommendations to Government regarding rural topics related to the themes of people, communities, the environment and wellness and explore opportunities for development in rural PEI.

- Examines, discusses and reviews Government strategies through a rural lens to identify the potential rural impacts of Government policies and decisions.
- Identifies opportunities to enhance rural population growth and recommends ways to improve inclusiveness within rural PEI communities.



The Rural Communities Council Co-Chairs encourage the provincial government to give priority attention to attain more viable housing options in rural PEI.

*Co-Chair Elmer MacDonald
and Co-Chair Gerry Gallant.*

Housing challenges are happening right across the country including in rural communities. I am pleased that Rural Communities Council has endeavored to learn more about this topic as it relates to Prince Edward Island.

*Honourable Jamie Fox,
Minister of Fisheries and Communities*