

# Housing

## Objectives

- **More Housing Types** – To increase housing choices for existing and future residents – recognizing that Colwood is a family-oriented community that is also aging – and enhance diversity of housing types for a variety of household sizes, incomes, tenures, needs and preferences.
- **Greater Range of Housing Options** – To support rental housing and a range of non-market housing options and needs along the housing spectrum.



Illustrative Example of a Coach House (Detached Secondary Suite)

## Policy Directions – Key Examples

- **Secondary Suites (including new proposed restriction)** – Support expansion of secondary suites including coach houses throughout the city to increase rental stock and improve housing affordability. Limit secondary suites to lots that are 550m<sup>2</sup> or greater in size.
- **Family Friendly Housing** – Maintain the family-friendliness of housing by requiring that new multi-family developments have outdoor amenity space.
- **Accessible Housing** – Incorporate measures that respond to the needs of people with disabilities and enable seniors to age in their neighbourhoods by invoking the BC Building Code and creating new opportunities where appropriate.
- **Non-Market and Rental Housing** – Support new affordable rental housing, particularly in transit-accessible housing by: reducing development costs in some cases; supporting ancillary rental or affordable housing on institutional sites such as places of worship; seeking partnerships with non-profit agencies and other levels of government; and more.
- **Distribution of Housing Choices** – Distribute diverse housing choices throughout the city and in all neighbourhoods, while focusing non-market, rental, and special needs housing with transit and other amenities to enable accessibility.

*To review all proposed housing policies, please review the draft OCP available at this event and online at [www.colwood.ca/ocp](http://www.colwood.ca/ocp)*