

Correspondence from Halton Faith Communities regarding new residential zoning by-law DGM-05-26

From: [Cathy Greven](#)
To: [Mailbox, Clerks](#)
Cc: [Phillips, Sarah](#); [Rishia Burke](#); [Steven Barrow](#); [Laurel Grace](#); [Heather Stewart](#); [Michael Brooks](#)
Subject: Writing in support of the Residential Zoning By-law Update
Date: Monday, February 09, 2026 11:40:11 AM

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Hello Burlington Councillors and Mayor Meed Ward,

As a founding member of the Halton Communities of Faith Advocates for the Unhoused, I would like to support the changes to the Residential Zoning By-law to allow for the gentle increase in density in our neighbourhoods in Burlington.


Our Advocates group has been learning about the complexity of living in a precarious housing situation, or even 'living rough' on our streets as many have been forced to do because of the lack of deeply affordable and supportive housing in our City.

The problem is getting worse, and we are keenly aware that land is a major issue along with funding, which we need to have released from the Provincial Government.

We have been very happy to see how keenly involved the Region and the City have been to try to solve this societal issue. We want to let you know that we, as a group of concerned people of Faith, want to support your initiatives as you work towards creating appropriate levels of Housing for All.

Thank you,

Cathy

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From: [Karen hicks](#)
To: [Mailbox, Clerks](#)
Subject: Zoning by law
Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 8:33:54 AM

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Hi

I am just writing to support the zoning by law change to enable more affordable housing in Burlington.

I am a member of the Halton Faith Communities Advocates(for the Unhoused).

I would like to see more solutions for affordable rent . I see this backyard option for housing being one of these solutions.

Signed Karen Hicks

From: [Anne C](#)
To: [Mailbox, Clerks](#)
Subject: Support For Increased Density In Residential Areas
Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 6:57:32 AM

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Hello,

I am a member of the Halton Faith Communities Advocates for the Unhoused group and I am writing to support the move toward increased density in residential areas of the city in order to support the City's planning department. I know we desperately need housing - the numbers of unhoused have reached crisis proportion.

Unfortunately I am unable to attend the meeting this morning at City Hall but I am writing to express my support for a report on Bylaw changes to allow for a gentle increase in density in residential areas.

Kind regards,

Anne Cholewka

Anne Cholewka, Co-President
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. John the Baptist Conference

From: [Lori Pedder](#)
To: [Mailbox, Clerks](#)
Subject: Affordable Housing
Date: Monday, February 09, 2026 10:02:03 PM

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To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Lori Pedder, I am a member of the St Vincent DePaul Society at St. John's parish.

I would like to support the city's move toward increased density in residential areas to add additional affordable housing.

We have a large amount of people that are unhoused including families living in our city that desperately need safe and affordable housing.

Thank you and God Bless
Lori Pedder

I say Yes In Our Backyard.

From: [Claire D'Addario](#)
To: [Mailbox, Clerks](#)
Subject: Affordable housing Please circulate to committee members
Date: Monday, February 09, 2026 9:16:53 PM

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I am a member of the Halton Faith Communities who advocates for the Unhoused group.

I support affordable housing.

I want to write to support the move toward increased density in residential areas of the city in order to support the City's planning department.

Claire D'Addario

From: [May Griffiths](#) [REDACTED]
To: [Mailbox, Clerks](#)
Subject: Proposed Zoning Bylaw Changes
Date: Monday, February 09, 2026 4:14:36 PM

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Hello,

I am advocating for the City of Burlington – Residential Zoning By-law Update because I believe it will be part of the solution to improving housing availability and affordability in Burlington. Wages and fixed incomes have not kept up with inflation and cost of living, including housing, and Burlington’s vacancy rate has been historically and presently very tight (2-3% for the past 15 years). This means there is a need for housing development that meets the needs of the population, the majority of whom are two-person households. There is a need for smaller, cheaper housing that can accommodate seniors and older adults, as well as younger singles and couples, and housing that addresses the gaps in affordability for racialized residents. With the increased availability of ARUs and more dense housing construction rather than single detached homes, Burlington can become a more affordable and accessible city for all.

Sincerely,

A Halton Faith Communities Advocate for the Unhoused group member,
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