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Wainfleet's Second Units Policy Recognized by Province

Wainfleet, ON – The Township of Wainfleet was recently recognized by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Ministry of Housing for its secondary suites policy. In a Spring 2017 Information Sheet, the Ministries highlighted the Township's Official Plan, which contains a policy on second units.

Second units are defined as "self-contained residential units found within or ancillary to a dwelling." Second units are commonly known as basement apartments, in-law suites or 'granny flats'.

Township of Wainfleet Planner, Sarah Ivins, says that the Township has one of the best policies for second units in Ontario. She added that second units are important because they introduce variety in housing types and affordability.

"It's wonderful to see Wainfleet listed as a leader in second units policies, among cities like Ottawa, Mississauga and Toronto," Ivins said.

Under section 3.3.1.4 of the Township's Official Plan, secondary suites are permitted in all residential area designations, but are subject to a number of criteria. Only one secondary suite per single detached, semi-detached, or townhouse dwelling is permitted. The secondary suite must be contained within the primary residential dwelling or within an accessory structure to the residential dwelling.

Mayor April Jeffs says that secondary suites are helpful because they allow for elderly family members to live with their families, instead of being forced to endure long waiting lists to enter into expensive retirement homes or communities.

"With Niagara's increasingly aging population, I'm sure that second units benefit those who want their elderly parents or grandparents to live with them," Mayor Jeffs said. "Our policy ensures that Wainfleet remains an age-friendly community."

For more information on second units, please visit the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Ministry of Housing's [Second Units Info Sheet](#). To view the Township's Official Plan, please visit www.wainfleet.ca.



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The Township of Wainfleet's Official Plan was adopted by Township Council in 2011 and approved by the Ontario Municipal Board in 2014.

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