



Housing as a human right, affordable and transitional housing has been among my top priorities on council this past term because Winnipeg is in a housing crisis. There are multiple barriers: lack of affordable housing, insufficient support and primary health provision, and the country's highest number of inadequate homes. Affordable housing projects and on-demand harm reduction services in Winnipeg are essential. I will continue to push to increase the housing supply that responds to the housing crises and creates housing units in which people can live and be supported.

As City Councillor, I have consistently advocated for city-wide harm and poverty reduction strategies in line with Dr. Bernie Pauly's model of Housing First and Harm Reduction of social inclusion, adequate housing supply, on-demand harm reduction and sufficient systemic infrastructure that is in line with UNDRIP. I served as Secretary to Council on Homelessness issues and was a member of the Housing Steering Committee.

Housing First

I worked tirelessly to inform and develop community-based organizations to get the money into their hands so rapid housing units could be built. I worked shoulder to shoulder with MP and MLAs to serve those who needed housing the most. In June, my latest housing motion written with the community passed at council; the plan commits the council to build 150 housing units. As a result of my efforts, we now have an Affordable Housing Strategy and Program for Winnipeg, including more full-time staff working on housing. I lobbied through the Federation of Canadian municipalities for rapid housing money, and Winnipeg received \$25 million.

My plan for next term on council is to continue support for harm reduction and housing first strategies, including additional rapid housing units and preserving housing through renovation grants.

I have made a campaign pledge to build a new affordable rental agency and add the City Housing Unit that can deliver on a zero-loss policy we should adopt, given the over 800 units we lose annually. I will continue to work on the 'missing middle' creating homes and rental units where people can afford and want to live while supporting density, cooperative housing, condo manager ethics, and not penalizing density by overtaxing multi-family homes on garbage and other city services.

Vacant Buildings

Vacant and derelict buildings pose serious safety concerns due to fires and drug-related activity. As chair of Protection, Community Services and Parks, I increased fees for the vacant building bylaw. I also drew a direct line to direct the fees toward a housing rehabilitation reserve that maintains people in housing by renovating and rehabilitation. In 2020 I sponsored a motion to EPC and Council in support of the IWG-MB-MMIWG Coalition priority to direct the first grant of \$150,000.00 towards Ka Ni Kanichihk for Winnipeg's first 24/7 low barrier safe space. I have tabled multiple motions for supervised consumption sites in Winnipeg.

Building the first-ever bylaw for short-term rentals with the parameter they have a principle resident requirement and with the aim of it being the toughest and most restrictive in the Country. Derelict and vacant houses and city buildings that are not at their highest and best use continue to be a priority for my next term. I will continue to push for developers and planners to develop affordable and mixed-use housing projects. I will hold developers accountable and support stronger regulations and enforcement for developers when they break the rules and promises and collect grant money. I wrote motions supporting selling city-owned lots to develop affordable housing units.