



RGI
housing
is the
only truly
affordable, but
it is

rare

- . STOCK of RGI: 64,391 units (2018); 17,000 in supportive housing
- . WAITING LISTS: 81,000 on Centralized List; 24,500 for supportive housing
- . additions for next year: 540 units through Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI)
- . WAIT TIME: 2 to 14 years

not up to provincial requirements

- . the Housing Services Act says that Toronto should have about 8,500 more RGI units (AG 2019 report)

decreasing in stock

- . possibly more than 20,000 units are at risk of conversion to market rent because of the ending of funding/operating agreements (2019-2033); only 360 of these were saved by October 2020, through negotiations between the City and providers (under section 26, 27 and 95 of the National Housing Strategy).

when in supportive housing, can be coercive

- . 17,000 RGI units come with supports for health-related reasons. when these supports work and they are appropriately provided (largely not always the case), it is a win. when they do not work, then “supportive” housing is a coercive form of “affordability” for vulnerable individuals and a pathologization of poverty.

absent in City’s current development process

- . one example is the story of the redevelopment of [Palace Arms](#)’ at King/Strachan where truly affordable rents will disappear, partly because RGI is not used as a development practice.

absent in City’s acquisition/construction process

- . Over 2 years, 250 units of Modular Housing will have been being built which are supposed to be “supportive” housing; it is not clear that these units will become RGI units and the City says that they will be turned into “affordable” if the Province does not fund the wraparound supports.

not in City’s HousingTO 2020-2030 Strategy

- . The City aims at 40,000 units of “affordable” housing including 18,000 units of “supportive” housing, but recently more than 1,000 of the 1,248 units of supportive housing planned for next year were set under the condition of funding by the Province; plus maybe they won’t be RGI.

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