School of Urban & Regional Planning
SURP 830 – Affordable Housing Module
Fall 2018
Course Outline

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Classes Thursdays 2.30 to 5.20 pm
October 18, October 25, November 1, November 8
Location Week 1 at 119 Van Order Drive (KFHC), MC-E230 in Week 2 and Week 3, Site visit on Week 4

Outline
This 4-week module combines an overview of the new 2017 National Housing Strategy (NHS) and key housing concepts (such as core housing need, affordability and housing continuum) with on the ground examples of municipal housing and homelessness initiatives. New mixed market models by municipal housing corporations and community housing providers illustrate the linkages between policies and rental housing issues. Site visits have been planned for some classes.

Format
The course combines site visits with housing organizations, visiting speakers and in-class lecture and discussions sessions. See schedule of topics below – note locations.

FIRST CLASS OCTOBER 18TH, 2.30 PM – MEET AT KFHC Main Offices – 119 Van Order Drive, Kingston.

The first two sessions focus on municipal roles and strategies in housing. The third class is a working session on the 2017 NHS. The final class concentrates on homelessness and current policies for housing first as part of federal and local plans to end homelessness.

Readings/Reference Sources (see attached)
Students are expected to use these and other relevant sources for the assignments. Everyone should look at the NHS report: “A Place To Call Home.”

Assignments – Course Marks
Two written assignments each worth 50% of the course mark. (See below)

Students are expected to use examples from class sessions and cite sources from readings in their papers. Students who are not able to attend all classes will be expected to complete additional research on other examples for their assignments.
Preparatory Background Work: Students taking the course are expected to review the following sources before the first class site visit on October 18th.

- 2017 National Housing Strategy A Place To Call Home (www.placetocallhome.ca)
- Kingston Frontenac Housing Corporation (KFHC) – municipal housing Corporation for social and affordable housing (www.kfhc.ca)

The first class October 18th will meet at 2.30 pm at the offices of KFHC at 119 Van Order Drive, Kingston (presentation in Boardroom & tour of a new building). Students are expected to arrange their own transportation to and from this location (e.g. Queen’s Shuttle to West Campus walk up and cross Johnson St).
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#### PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE (Thursdays 2.30 – 5.20 pm)

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<td><strong>PART 1: MUNICIPAL HOUSING APPROACHES</strong></td>
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<td>Oct 18 119 Van Order Drive</td>
<td>Municipal Affordable Housing (Kingston Frontenac Housing Corp) – Social &amp; Mixed Income</td>
<td>Site Visit: MEET AT: KFHC, 119 Van Order Drive CEO: Mary Lynn Cousins Brarme</td>
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<td>Oct 25 MC-E230</td>
<td>Municipal Housing Strategies-Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal (Lecture -Streich) Devolution in Ontario (SMs)</td>
<td>Visiting Speaker - Darlene Cook, CEO Peterborough Housing Corp.</td>
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<td><strong>PART 2: NATIONAL HOUSING APPROACHES</strong></td>
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<td>Nov 1 MC-E230</td>
<td>National Housing Strategy 2017 Concepts &amp; Housing Issues - Mixed Market Models (Lecture- Streich)</td>
<td>In-class Working Session (market v rights v needs based) Student Presentations</td>
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<td>Nov 8 540 Montreal St &amp; then to Lyons St.</td>
<td>Homelessness Initiatives &amp; Housing First</td>
<td>Site Visits 1. MEET AT: Kingston Homebase, 540 Montreal Street (CEO Tom Greening) 2. Lyons St, AMHSA (new project)</td>
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Each assignment: maximum 10 pages using examples from classes & reading. Report-style (with section headings, use of graphics, include list of sources). The papers should address the topics listed below.

**Assignment 1: Review the Role of Municipal Non-Profits in Affordable Housing (50%)**

- Purpose & benefits of municipal non-profit housing
- How is affordable housing different from social housing & private market housing?
- What is mixed market housing & income mix?

**Assignment 2: Assess how NHS Addresses Affordable Housing Needs (50%)**

- Is affordable housing part of the right to housing?
- Does affordable housing serve people in greatest needs?
- How NHS relates to homelessness initiatives?
SELECTED SOURCES - READINGS

WEEK 1 (October 18) – Social & Affordable Housing - Kingston

- Kingston Frontenac Housing Corporation (KFHC) (www.kfhc.ca)
- Affordable Housing Initiative, Backgrounder, CMHC (CMHC website – www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca)

WEEK 2 (October 25) – Municipal Housing Strategies

- Peterborough Housing Corporation (www.ptbohousingcorp.ca)
- City of Toronto, Housing Opportunities Toronto (HOT), An Affordable Housing Plan 2010-2020, 2009; and, “Open Door Program: Presentation to Affordable Housing Committee”, Sean Gadon, Director, Toronto’s Affordable Housing Office, City of Toronto, June 2016. (www.1.toronto.ca)
- City of Kingston Municipal Housing and Homelessness Plan 2014 (www.cityofkingston.ca)

WEEK 3 (November 1) – National Housing Strategy (NHS)

- “ A Place To Call Home” (www.placetocallhome.ca)
  (Also see: Canadian Housing Observer 2014. Housing Affordability and Need. (www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca)

WEEK $ (November 8) – Homelessness & Housing First

- Kingston Homebase Housing (www.kingstonhomebase.ca)
- Addictions & Mental Health Services-Kingston Frontenac Lennox & Addington (www.amhs-kfla.ca)
- The State of Homelessness in Canada in 2016. Stephen Gaetz et al. (Canadian Observatory on Homelessness at: www.homelesshub.ca)