

Shaping Futures Housing Policies for the 21st Century

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Shaping Futures: The Opportunity

- Canada is shaping its strategies now and media and governments are focused on solutions
- Time to examine why the system is in crisis and the fundamentals that need changing including sacred cows
- Housing policies can increase social mobility, decrease inequality
- Skyrocketing price growth is in the media and diminishing housing aspirations of many
- Stock of social housing not growing in 3 countries
- Rental housing becoming longer term solution for many and it too needs an increased focus around condition & security of tenure



Shaping Futures: Project Themes

- Private Rental System
- Economic Case for Housing Investment
- Pressured Markets
- Business Diversity & NP Sector Sustainability
- Institutions and Governance
- Finance
- Communicating a New Narrative



Needed: A New Housing Narrative

- Address the whole housing system not just the housing market
- Replace old policies that are no longer working or at least not working for many
- Identify ways for governments to manage price growth
- Maintain the diversity in our cities
- Consider tax regime changes to create more equality of housing opportunities
- Support inclusionary zoning
- Build local housing strategy making



Needed

- A new productivity argument for housing as economic infrastructure
- More engagement & modeling by finance ministries on how housing drives the economy
- An improved collaboration among governments
- More rental housing, both private & non-profit
- A shifting away from policies that shut people out of communities and far from opportunities of employment
- Consideration of transit and housing policies concurrently



Needed: Data and Research

- A data and research centre to inform Canadian housing policy and provide opportunities for dialogue and knowledge exchange
- Australia has the **Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI)**
- The UK has just formed a **UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence (CaCHE)** headed up by Ken Gibb at the University of Glasgow

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