Supportive Housing High-Level Policy Direction

One of <u>Council's Strategic Focus Areas</u> is to prioritize a caring community where all residents feel a sense of belonging. A caring community is where residents who experience social vulnerability can access appropriate housing, support, and care here in Airdrie and remain in our community now and in the future.

The <u>Airdrie City Plan</u> speaks to housing diversity and the importance of community integration. Section 6 states that the City will continue to work to increase the long-term supply of special needs (supportive) housing. Within that, the City Plan defines siting considerations when locating this housing type which includes traffic generation, safety, design, parking, proximity to schools, shops, services, and parks, and locations capable of being served by transit.

The <u>AirdrieONE Sustainability Plan</u> states that a successful neighbourhood has a diversity of housing options that accommodate a broad range of ages, incomes, and lifestyles. Additionally, the plan's strategy to enhance the social sustainability of the city is to facilitate the creation of safe and caring communities.

Provision of supportive housing is also aligned with the <u>2024-2030 Affordable Housing Principled Action Plan</u>'s strategic objectives. Objective five speaks to strengthening intergovernmental & community partnerships with a lens to help these groups increase community housing services to individuals and families. Strategic objective six is to improve access to city and community services. Aligning housing initiatives with increased access to social support is integral to implementing a successful action plan.