

Affordable Housing Reading List

British Columbia

The Tye (April 11 2017). **Coalition Pushing New Housing Solutions for BC.** [Online](#).
News article promoting the BC Rental Housing Coalition's Affordable Housing Plan for BC.
Length: 3 pages

BC Rental Housing Coalition. **An Affordable Housing Plan for BC.** [Download](#).
Estimates the investments required to meet current and future housing affordability, demand and supply challenges for three types of renter households: core need (unable to afford average market rent in their community), missing middle (workforce - incomes between \$30-76K), and market (sufficient income for housing in private market).
Length: 24 pages

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (May 2016). **Getting Serious About Affordable Housing: Towards a Plan for Metro Vancouver.** [Download](#).
Examines sky-rocketing housing costs in Metro Vancouver and the rental housing crisis. Housing solutions discussed include: building new affordable housing stock, preserving existing affordable housing, and inclusionary housing in complete communities.
Length: 44 pages

Smart Growth BC (March 2008). **Affordable Housing Toolkit: Creating Market and Non-Market.** [Download](#).
The purpose of this toolkit is to describe the eight most common affordable housing policies, programs, and strategies used by local governments (including case studies) which are: inclusionary zoning; secondary suites; density bonus; resale price restrictions; housing fund; land banking; housing organization; partnerships for affordable housing.
Length: 83 pages

Built Environment

Centre for Active Design (January 26, 2017). **Understanding the Impact of Active Design in Affordable Housing: Insights for Policymakers and Developers.** [Download](#).
Active Design is an evidence-based approach to development that identifies urban planning and architecture solutions to support healthy communities.
Length: 6 pages

Demographics and Household Income

Housing Studies (Vol, 10, No. 4, 1995). **The Concept of Housing Affordability: Six Contemporary Uses of the Housing Expenditure-to-Income Ratio.** [Download](#).
This paper identifies six distinct ways in which the housing expenditure-to-income ratio is being used as an assumed measure of affordability: description of household expenditures; analysis of trends; administration of public housing by defining eligibility criteria and subsidy levels; definition of housing need for public policy purposes; prediction of the ability of a household to pay the rent or the mortgage; and as part of the selection criteria in the decision to rent or provide a mortgage.
Length: 18 pages

HSBC (2017). **Beyond the Bricks: The meaning of home (Millennials).** [Download](#).

This is a snapshot of some of the key Canada research findings about millennials' home ownership prospects, the changing role of the home, and the pitfalls of budgeting.

Length: 6 pages

Sightline Institute (March 27, 2017). **Finding the Missing Middle: Rowhouses, Townshouses, and Seattle's Affordability Plan.** [Online](#).

In Seattle, townhouses and rowhouses are considered "missing middle" housing because they help fill the gap in the spectrum of housing options between super-expensive single-family houses and higher-density large-scale apartment buildings.

Length: 8 pages

The Tyee (August 2017). **What do we mean by "Affordable Housing?"** [Online](#).

Article shifts through the different definitions of housing affordability and how it is beginning to impact middle class households.

Length: 4 pages

Detached Accessory Dwelling Units (Coach/Garden Homes)

Plan Canada (Fall 2017). **Coach Houses: The Multi-Generational Housing Solution.** [Download](#).

The City of Ottawa's coach house performance standards paves the way for policy makers to allow a great degree of intensification flexibility in all geographic settings.

Length: 2 pages

Times Colonist (February 18, 2012). **Little House in the Backyard.** [Download](#).

Article highlights the introduction of garden suites in the City of Victoria.

Length: 1 page

Land Use Regulations

CATO Online Forum (December 1, 2014). **Land Use Restrictions and Other Barriers to Growth.** [Webpage](#).

How land use regulations impacts housing affordability.

Length: 9 pages

Fraser Institute (July 2016). **The Impact of Land-Use Regulation on Housing Supply in Canada.** [Download](#).

This study presents evidence that the regulation of residential development restricts the housing supply, encouraging the growth of prices and distorting local economies.

Length: 44 pages

Hsieh & Moretti (May 2017). **Housing Constraints and Spatial Misallocation.** [Download](#).

Misallocation arises because high productivity cities like New York and the San Francisco Bay Area have adopted stringent restrictions to new housing supply, effectively limiting the number of workers who have access to such high productivity.

Length: 33 pages

National Bureau of Economic Research (March 2002). **The Impact of Zoning on Housing Affordability.** [Download.](#)

This paper argues that high housing prices has little to do with construction costs and the conventional models with a free market for land. Instead, the evidence suggests that zoning and other land use controls play the dominant role in making housing expensive.

Length: 6 pages

Sightline Institute (August 10, 2017). **Housing Delayed is Housing Denied.** [Online.](#)

This article highlights how delays in getting development applications approved results in higher housing costs.

Length: 7 pages

The Urban Institute (2015). **Barriers to Shared Growth: The Case of Land Use Regulation and Economic Rents.** [Download.](#)

Remarks by Jason Furman on how conditions in the housing market related to broader trends in inequality, productivity, and mobility, with a particular focus on the impact of land use regulations.

Length: 12 pages