

Questions and Answers

Alberta Affordable Housing Task Force

Q1: What was the purpose of the task force?

A1: **The purpose of the task force was to outline cost-effective solutions to address the acute shortage of affordable housing across Alberta.**

The focus of the task force was to consider solutions for homelessness and affordable housing, including subsidized rental and home ownership.

Q2: Why was the task force struck?

A2: **Managing growth pressures is a top priority for the Government of Alberta. Premier Stelmach asked Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to establish a housing task force to develop a plan to increase the availability of affordable housing.**

Q3: Who were the members of the task force?

A3: **[Click here for the names and biographies of the task force members.](#)**

To provide a broad base of expertise and knowledge in housing matters, the task force had representation from:

- municipalities
- business
- community leaders
- industry associations
- political parties
- the non-profit sector

Q4: How and why were these people selected to be members of the task force?

A4: **Individuals were chosen to represent as many perspectives on affordable housing as possible, and to bring forward a variety of ideas.**

As part of the Premier's commitment to democratic reform, members of the provincial Liberals and New Democrats were asked to participate as task force members. Both parties submitted their reports outlining affordable housing solutions, which were considered by the task force when they developed recommendations.

Q5: When and where were the community meetings?

A5: **Community public meetings were held from February 16 to March 2:**

- **Grande Prairie: Friday, February 16, 1-3 p.m., The Grande Prairie Inn**
- **Fort McMurray: Tuesday, February 20, 1-3 p.m., Quality Hotel and Conference Centre**
- **Edmonton: Wednesday, February 21, 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., Ramada Hotel and Conference Centre (Kingsway Avenue)**
- **Red Deer: Thursday, February 22, 1-3 p.m., Red Deer Lodge and Conference Centre**
- **Hinton: Friday, February 23, 9-11:30 a.m., Hinton Centre**
- **Medicine Hat: Monday, February 26, 1-3 p.m., Medicine Hat Lodge**
- **Lethbridge: Tuesday, February 27, 1-3 p.m., Lethbridge Lodge Hotel and Conference Centre**
- **Calgary: Wednesday, February 28, 1-3 p.m., University of Calgary, MacEwan Centre, Hall B**
- **Elk Point: Friday, March 2, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Seniors Recreation Centre**

[Click here to view notes summarizing each of the community meetings.](#)

Q6: What was the process to gather information from a wide variety of stakeholder groups?

A6: **Albertans were invited to submit their ideas for solutions a number of ways: Online, e-mail, fax, mail, or by attending one of the nine community meetings.**

Submissions were accepted until March 2, 2007. The task force has completed its consultations.

Q7: What were the key deliverables for the task force?

A7: **The task force's objectives were to:**

- **Identify or examine alternative means of constructing, financing, or delivering market and non-market (i.e. government-supported) housing as well as the role of support services.**
- **Outline proposed solutions.**
- **Outline responsibility for involved parties.**
- **Prioritize recommendations based on short- and long-term impact.**

The task force provided a report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing March 19, 2007.

Q8: When will the government respond to the report?

A8: **Government will review the task force recommendations and will provide a formal response in May 2007.**