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**Sent:** Friday, June 25, 2021 8:41 PM  
**To:** Jack Van Dorp <JVanDorp@brucecounty.on.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Plan the Bruce - Homes - Additional Residential Units Amendment

Good evening Jack. I am so pleased to have received and read this document. We have been consumed with the homelessness problem in our community and I am feeling somewhat distressed about the days ahead. Today we worked with the people in tents whose bedding and clothes were soaked... and trying to bring them some encouragement by giving them food hampers for the weekend. I would never have imagined experiencing this depth of distress.

I am hoping to have a round table discussion in the next couple of weeks but wondering if we could chat briefly about a possibility I am considering.

Look forward to hearing from you. Blessings Mary

**From:** arlene kennedy <circleartsarlenekennedy@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 29, 2021 4:21 PM

**To:** Jack Van Dorp <JVanDorp@brucecounty.on.ca>

**Subject:** Plan the Bruce County Homes Project

Hello Jack,

I am encouraged that the County is already moving forward to increase supply and mix of homes by acting on direction #2 – Permit Additional Residential Units, through an amendment to the County's Official Plan.

If the County Official Plan amendment comes into effect, the possibility that my local Municipality of Northern Bruce will be able to update their local plans and by-laws as needed to enable development of additional residential units is an exciting prospect.

Housing reflects the vitality of any community. It can be a mirror of the demography, how we care about our community, what we value as a society.

With no options for alternative age-in-place living, Seniors are deserting a dying community. It is hollowed out, a desert, subject to the ebb and flow of external forces beyond control, like the tides, the seche, the storm waves that overwhelm our beleaguered residents. Baby boomers abound and our needs are changing with time.

I am a member of the Tobermory Seniors Group looking to the future when we can no longer sustain our stand-alone dwellings that are too large and take up too much energy to maintain. Yet this is my home here in Tobermory. In time, as I age, I want to continue to live here, to be able to walk to amenities, to downsize to a cooperative living arrangement that is energy-efficient with shared amenities, a caring community. We want to be permitted to develop a new form of housing here, to build a not-for-profit coop structure together.

Flexibility, creative visioning for age-in-place future housing in our official plans is devoutly to be wished.

Respectfully,  
Arlene Kennedy

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From: Frances Cunliffe < >

Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 7:55 PM

To:

Subject: Plan The Bruce County Homes project.

Seeing the proposed changes to the County Planning, in regard to greater density on residential lots, is a very positive step, in my opinion. But does it go far enough?

As a member of the Tobermory Seniors Association, suitable housing, for the coming Tsunami of baby boomers, is of interest to me up in Tobermory.

Here we face some challenges that other communities in our county don't.

First, North Bruce Peninsula in the vicinity of Tobermory doesn't currently have municipal water or sewage, and to my knowledge there is no plan to provide such services to these taxpayers.

So any new expanded types of accommodation, to increase density, which will require these services, are totally out of our reach, unless the new rules are written in such a way as to take this basic lack into consideration.

For example, on an acre and a half lot, it is OK to build a 2000 to 3000 sq ft. House on well water and septic, but it is not currently permitted to build a ground floor 4 Plex, that could house 4 independent Seniors units, with parking, sharing a well and septic?

This kind of structure if it was available, would allow us to down size from our current large family sized homes, that we no longer need or want to maintain.

Particularly as we age and lose our spouses, we need to find support from our peers in our own community.

The historical idea, that bigger is better, when it comes to housing does not apply to this demographic. For comfort and safety as we age, we need to be able to build smaller units, but in groups of greater density. So we might be able to stay well and be of less burden on our society.

It's good to see changes in the plans, the biggest growing demographic is the independent, financially secure senior who wishes to age in place, but in more suitable modest, manageable, owned, accommodation. There is going to be a growing demand for multi units, owner occupied, small cluster/pod homes, on large lots, big enough for well and septic, ( until the Municipality can supply water and sewage.) We are good neighbors. Please include our needs in the planning.

Looking forward to enlightened changes for changing times.

Thank you for your time.

Yours Sincerely,

Frances Cunliffe. (Aka Bunkey).

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