



Housing Needs Survey

The District of Sicamous is conducting a housing needs assessment to help us better understand current and future housing needs. The resulting Housing Needs Report will be used as a foundation for planning and will inform residential development for at least the next five years.

Please answer the following questions to help us understand your experiences with housing in your community.

We expect the survey will take you approximately 10 minutes to complete and all responses are confidential.

Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your thoughts!

1. How would you describe your living situation in Sicamous?

- Year-round homeowner
 - Year-round renter
 - Seasonal renter (e.g., student, seasonal worker)
 - Resident elsewhere, but own second or vacation home in the District
 - Temporarily staying with friends / family
 - I currently do not have a place to live
 - Other (please specify)
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2. I currently live in a:

- Single-detached house
- Trailer or mobile home
- Secondary suite (e.g. basement suite or laneway home)
- Townhouse or rowhouse
- Apartment

- Cabin
 - Other (please specify)
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3. Do you consider your housing to be _____?

- Very affordable
- Somewhat affordable
- Somewhat unaffordable
- Not affordable
- Not sure

4. What type of housing are you looking for?

- Single-detached house
 - Trailer or mobile home
 - Secondary suite (e.g. basement suite or laneway home)
 - Apartment
 - Townhouse or rowhouse
 - Cabin
 - n/a, not looking for a different home
 - Other (please specify)
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5. How many bedrooms do you need?

- Studio/Bachelor
- 1 bedroom
- 2 bedrooms
- 3 bedrooms
- 4 or more bedrooms
- n/a, not looking for a different home

6. What tenure are you looking for?

- Own
- Rent
- Non-market (e.g., managed by a non-profit, charity, and/or rent is subsidized)
- n/a, not looking for a different home

7. If looking to rent or find a non-market housing option, what is the maximum monthly rental rate you could afford?

\$ _____/month

8. If looking to own, what is the maximum purchase price you could afford?

\$ _____

8b. How much money do you have for a down payment?

\$ _____

8c. What is the source of your down payment? Select all that apply.

- Savings
- Borrowing from bank or institution / loan
- Borrowing from family, and will pay them back
- Gift from family
- Other (please specify)

9. For you, what are the most important considerations when choosing where to rent or buy a home?

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Slightly concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure / Not applicable
Cost of housing					
Number of bedrooms / size of home					
Being close to services and amenities (e.g. grocery, recreation, arts & culture)					
Being close to health services					
Being close to public transit / not needing a vehicle					
Being close to work and /or school					

Type of housing (e.g. house, apartment, townhouse)					
Housing features (e.g. no stairs, outdoor space, secondary suite)					

10. What is preventing you from moving?

- Cannot find the type of housing that I'm looking for
 - Cannot sell current house
 - I have a rent or lease agreement and the term has not expired
 - Cannot find an affordable place to live
 - Need to find a new job
 - Family reasons
 - Not ready to move
 - Waiting to retire
 - I don't qualify for a mortgage
 - n/a, not looking for a different home
 - Other (please specify)
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11. Thinking about the entire Sicamous community, what kind of housing do you think there should be more of? Select all that apply.

- Single-detached house
- Secondary suite (e.g., basement suites, laneway homes or detached garden suites)
- Apartments (rental)
- Townhouse or rowhouse
- Duplexes, tri-plexes four-plexes
- Affordable non-supportive housing
- Pet friendly housing
- Ground oriented housing
- Co-operative housing
- Independent seniors rental housing
- Supportive seniors housing (includes assisted living facilities, long-term care)
- Supportive housing for persons with disabilities

- Supportive housing for persons who need mental health care or substance use support
 - Trailer or mobile home park
 - Emergency accommodation/ shelters for people experiencing homelessness
 - Other (please specify)
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12. Who do you think has the greatest challenge in finding housing that meets their needs in your community? For each group, indicate how challenging it is to find appropriate housing.

	Very easy	Somewhat easy	Somewhat challenging	Very challenging	Not sure
Families					
Single-parent households					
Seniors living independently					
Seniors with complex health needs					
Single people					
Post-secondary students					
Indigenous households					
Immigrants / New residents					
Youth / Young adults					
People with mental health or addiction challenges					
People experiencing homelessness					

Other					
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Now we'd like to learn a little bit more about you to better understand your situation.

13. How long have you lived in Sicamous?

- I don't live in Sicamous
- Less than 1 year
- 1 – 3 years
- 4 – 5 years
- 6 – 10 years
- 11 – 20 years
- More than 20 years

14. Please identify your age group:

- Less than 19
- 19 – 24
- 25 – 34
- 35 – 44
- 45 – 54
- 55 – 64
- 65 – 74
- 75+

15. Do you identify with any of the following racial groups?

- Arab
- Asian – East
- Asian – South-East
- Asian – South
- Asian – West
- Asian – Not specified
- Black – Caribbean and Latin American
- Black – African
- Black – Canadian/American
- Black – Not specified
- Latin American

- White
 - Not Listed
 - Don't Know
 - Prefer not to say
 - Other (please specify)
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16. Do you identify as Indigenous?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure
- Prefer not to say

17. What description best describes your family size?

- I live alone
 - I live with one or more roommates
 - I live with my partner/spouse
 - I live with my partner/spouse and one or more children (or adult dependents)
 - I am a single parent with one or more children
 - I live in a multi-generational home (parents/kids/grandparents/ grandkids living together)
 - We are two or more families sharing the same home
 - Other (please specify)
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18. Are you _____?

- Working full-time
 - Working part-time
 - Unemployed and looking for work
 - Unemployed and unable to work
 - Stay-at-home parent
 - Semi-retired
 - Fully-retired
 - Student
 - Other (please specify)
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19. What is your approximate annual household income?

- Less than \$20,000
- \$20,000 – \$39,999
- \$40,000 – \$59,999
- \$60,000 – \$79,999
- \$80,000 – \$99,999
- \$100,000 – \$119,999
- \$120,000 - \$139,999
- \$140,000 - \$159,999
- \$160,000 - \$179,999
- \$180,000 - \$199,000
- \$200,000 and over
- Prefer not to say

20. Has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted your housing situation? Please describe to help us understand if this is a short-term or long-term impact.

21. Do you have any other comments about the current housing situation in Sicamous?

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and experiences!