# What is a Most Livable Community?

- One principle in the Mayor's Task Force noted a need to tie the Community
  Housing work to the Strategic Plan and in particular, the concept of Canada's
  Most Livable Community.
- The county does not have a current social mandate or resident-endorsed clarity of what is a most livable community.
- The last mandate of this sort was established through the Social Sustainability Framework completed in 2007.
- Limited understanding of residents' current social priorities, challenges and direction setting on Affordable Housing and other social issues.
- Administration is proposing a renewal of the Social Sustainability Framework.
   This could involve conducting resident engagement in the fall of 2016 with a renewed social mandate forthcoming in the spring of 2017.



## The Housing Continuum

Emergency Shelters Transitional Housing

Social Housing Affordable Rental Housing Affordable Home Ownership

Rental Housing

Home Ownership

#### **Emergency Shelters and Transitional Housing:**

- Short term accommodations
- May be gender-specific and/or age-specific
- May provide assistance to individuals preparing for independence



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#### **Affordable Housing:**

- Government owned or supported housing provided by the public, non-profit, and private sectors for
  persons who because of financial, social or other circumstances are unable to maintain housing
  accommodation through the private market (Government of Alberta, March 2016). This form of housing
  includes:
  - **Social Housing:** Units are owned and operated by government or non-profits and are focused on low income individuals and families
  - Affordable Rental Housing and Affordable Home Ownership: This form of housing has rents or payments below average market cost
- Affordable housing may also include:
  - Affordable housing initiatives
  - Seniors self-contained, seniors lodges
  - Community housing, special needs and rent supplement



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#### Market Housing:

- 80-85% of households whose housing need and demand is sufficiently met by the private market. This form of housing includes:
  - Rental Housing
  - Home Ownership



