

Questions

1. Housing is a fundamental human right, and yet an increasing number of residents across the Greater Toronto Area are struggling to pay rent or find an affordable place to live. What policies and actions do you believe need to be implemented to address this crisis?

ANS. As everybody knows, the affordability of rental housing is becoming lower and lower due to the fact that the salary increase does not match with the increase of real estate, and this high increase of real estate cost is a result of the low interest rate for a long time.

What can be done now rests on the hands of the 3 levels of government:

Federal government – to provide funding for the building of affordable rental housing among various provinces;

Provincial government – to find the best locations with comparatively low land cost to build the affordable rental units and, most importantly, to create jobs for all these new tenants by developing relevant business and industries;

Regional and municipal government – to help keep the building cost low by waiving the development charges and other municipal taxes, in addition to provide public transit between home and work.

2. The design, construction and operation of our built environment accounts for nearly 40% of energy related carbon emissions, contributing to the ongoing climate crisis affecting us today. What do you believe needs to be prioritised to reduce carbon emissions within the built environment?

ANS. We can either apply 3-D printing technology or pre-cast building parts in the building industry. In this case, all manufacturing parts would be done within a manufacturing plant where carbon emissions can either be redirected to transform into energy, or to bury under ground

3. In towns and cities, so much of life happens in the shared public spaces—in our parks, libraries and streets. How can we ensure these civic spaces achieve design excellence in their initial conception and construction, and that they are properly maintained so they may continue to serve future generations?

ANS. Here the core factor would be “sustainability”. As long as we design and construct the build forms which are sustainable, they can continue to serve future generations.