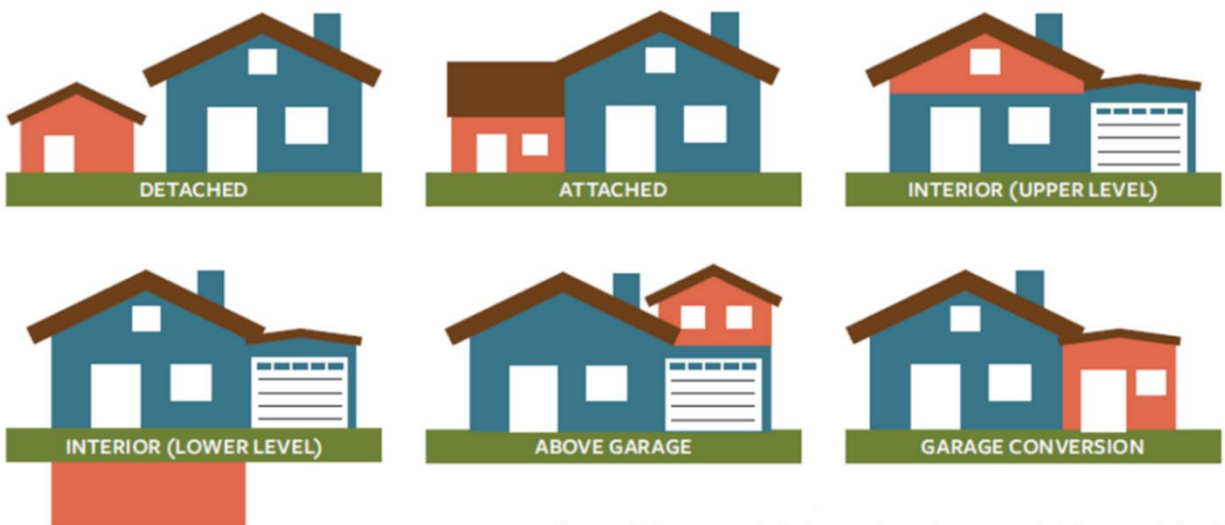


Options Available for Adding Residential Units to Properties in Growth Centres

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Have you considered adding an additional residential unit to your property? You may have options available!



Examples of how additional units could be added

As of 2024, Secondary Units and Accessory Dwelling are permitted in all Residential Zones within the 12 Growth Centres located in the Municipality of the County of Kings: **Aylesford, Cambridge, Canning, Centreville, Coldbrook, Greenwood, Hants Border, Kingston, New Minas, North Kentville, Port Willams and Waterville**. Please check with Municipal staff to verify if your property falls within the boundaries of one of these Growth Centre before you get started.

The provincial government has expanded the Secondary and Backyard Suite Incentive Program. This funding is available for up to 50% of eligible project costs, to a maximum of \$40,000 per dwelling. Loans may qualify to be forgivable depending on the type of tenant (family member) or the cost of rent (affordable housing).

One of the following must be true for the loan to be forgiven:

- The tenant is a family member aged 65 years or older or a person living with a disability (supportive housing).
- The tenant is a family member and the homeowner is 65 or older or a person living with a disability (supportive housing).
- The unit will be rented below market value to a tenant who qualifies for affordable housing.

More information on this provincial program can be found [here](#).

The Government of Canada also indicated that the 2024 Budget will include a loan program of up to \$40,000 for additional units located on qualifying properties (owner occupied). More information will be shared after the federal government releases the program details.

For more information on building an accessory dwelling in the Municipality of the County of Kings, or to apply for your permits, please call Planning and Development staff at 902-690-6152.