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1. World's tallest timber apartment tower to be built in Zanzibar

<https://african.business/2022/10/apo-newsfeed/worlds-tallest-timber-apartment-tower-to-be-built-in-zanzibar/>

In Fumba, a green timber apartment tower will be built since it's designed with hybrid timber technology. The tower will have apartments and commercial buildings. The tower was created by a German-led engineering firm CPS. Benefits of timber; oldest material in the world and can reduced CO2 emissions. It's executed by specialists from Switzerland, Austria, Germany, South Africa, Tanzania. Also has US green roof gardens and planted colonies further reduce the carbon footprint. The building promotes locally available wood as building material. It's styled like a beehive; has modern trends and local culture. There are panorama windows, closed in green loggias and more thus improve the green nature. The tower contains studio, deluxe penthouses, and shared/private gardens, shops, and more.

2. Cambridge showcases tiny homes prototypes as a possible solution to rising population

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/cambridge-tiny-homes-possible-solution-population-gorws-1.6603593>

In Cambridge, outside city hall there is a prototype of a tiny house to help tackle the rise of population. However, the tiny house isn't supposed to be a solution to help with homelessness. It is supposed to be a tiny house for the backyard to help accommodate family or to help with a mortgage. The tiny houses have Plexiglas, thus can generate heat for the house or be a greenhouse. Although, the prototype is not up to code and would need a building permit.

3. China focus: urban cycling fever reflects planned development, shift to green lifestyle

<https://english.news.cn/20221005/d6e58ce3e496474fa7ae2db94007277a/c.html>

Cycling has increased in recent years due to more health consciousness. There used to be large chemical plant near central green forest park, now it is decommissioned and popular for cyclists. One way to combat pollution and impacts are observable like the water is clearer. Improved the quality of non-motorized traffic in recent years by implementing policies and standards, enhancing ecosystem for non-motorized traffic, and building bicycle priority lanes. Traffic management action plan green travel should reach 74.6% by the end of this year. The

shift in transport structure is vital to attaining the carbon reduction goals. It's thought that the growing "cycling craze" in China indicates that an increasing number of Chinese people are embracing a green and low-carbon lifestyle.

4. Twenty-Eight Affordable Tiny Homes to Support La Loche Residents

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2022/september/29/twenty-eight-affordable-tiny-homes-to-support-la-loche-residents>

Residents have access to affordable housing due to investments from the government of Canada and Saskatchewan. Development of 28 affordable tiny homes will support individuals experiencing homelessness. The project was completed in two phases, the first one is Nechile Sekoe tiny homes which created 20 one bedroom's unit and phase two is Methy Tiny homes which will create 8 additional one-bedroom units. The projects got 1.6 million for the 22 bedrooms and the other 6 were funded by the Metis Nation Saskatchewan. Methy tiny homes got 700,000 from infrastructure Canada through reaching home: Canada Homelessness strategy. Their goal is to make affordable housing more accessible and to support families in greatest housing need.

5. Federal government announces \$38M to build affordable housing units for Calgary seniors

<https://globalnews.ca/news/8670190/federal-government-calgary-affordable-senior-housing-announcement/>

Support three projects that will add 244 housing units; 188 units marked for affordable housing for seniors. Silvera Vista apartment in northeast Calgary; former hotel consisting of 120 one- and two-bedroom apartments with facilities like shared laundry and parking. 15.5 million was used to buy and renovate as part of an initial 24.6 million allocated under major cities stream of the federal rapid housing initiative (RHI). Already has people in it and will soon be at full occupancy. Westview residence west project in southwest Calgary will add 82 independent living. Obtain 15.2 million from national co-investment fund and 453,000 more from city of Calgary and built within 12 months. Livingston terrace project northeast Calgary is modular independent living apartment building; 42 units in phase one and 21 in phase two. Got over 7 million through project stream of RHI, 2.6 million more from city of Calgary and 3.8 million

from Silvera, local senior housing organization and built within 12 months. This will ensure seniors have access to safe and stable place to call home.

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6. Speeding up the metropolitan area, pointing to the "national central city", Jinan's ambition is on the horizon

https://m.thepaper.cn/newsDetail_forward_19235240

Recently, in order to run for the "National Central City", Jinan, as the provincial capital of Shandong, plans to fully build a modern metropolitan area by 2035. Jinan's confidence comes from the rapid growth of GDP and population in recent years, and the development of national strategies. In the next 10 years, Jinan will build a channel connecting the surrounding cities and include the surrounding small cities into the metropolitan area. At the same time, hukou reform will be carried out to facilitate the inflow of population.

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7. Sales of condos, row houses increase as Calgarians seek affordable housing, says CREB

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/real-estate-september-calgary-creb-affordable-1.6604249>

This article centres on the housing market in Calgary, looking comparatively at this year's numbers to last year's. It reports the price of properties cooling down by 12% from the last year, but with a 10% decrease of new listings. This moves towards more balanced conditions in the housing market than seen last year. Sales for detached homes and apartment condominiums rose, while row houses had a record high year-to-date pace of sales. Apartment condominiums are also reported to have higher inventory and lower prices, allowing its market to improve.

8. China Housing Market: Cities to Be Allowed to Lower First-Home Mortgage Rate

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2022-09-29/china-to-allow-some-cities-to-lower-first-home-mortgage-rates>

The article reports on China lowering the mortgage rate for primary residences in a number of its largest cities. It allows selected cities with declined prices on newly constructed housing to

have control on the lowering of minimum interest rates for loans - this includes 23 of its largest cities. Experts claim that this is not likely to boost home ownership as many are more concerned with the unstable housing market than credit provision.

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9. Ontario Housing Crisis: Causes and Significance

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-housing-explainer-1.6589857>

Ontario is in the middle of widely infamous housing crisis, which makes it an essential topic to consider during the upcoming municipal elections. The full force of this *socioeconomical crisis* can be majorly felt in bigger cities where constant price increases over the past few years have made it almost impossible for people to obtain home ownership. The gap between the supply and demand chain coupled with shortage of skilled labour has led to relentless price surges. The current scenario makes it difficult for the government to decide whether to move forward with the current projects or delay the existing ones. Increased prices of resources such as reinforced steel, lumber and rebar has further added to the dilemma. Financing has also become a challenge as the central bank constantly elevates interest rates. In addition, processing problems such as multiple approvals, costly studies and complicated design guidelines have played a significant part in delaying projects around the province. In conclusion, decades of systemic dysfunction have led to an overburdened and under-resourced systemic environment for home constructions and ownership in Ontario.