Housing Design Catalogue



The Regional Municipality of Tracadie is proud to support the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Housing Design Catalogue - a collection of standardized housing plans intended to expand low-density housing options that fit well into existing neighbourhoods. These designs were developed by regional architects and engineers to reflect building codes, climate conditions and construction practices in Atlantic Canada.

Why use the Housing Design Catalogue?

- **Cost savings:** Standardized designs reduce indirect costs for homeowners and developers.
- Simplified applications: Using standardized, pre-reviewed designs can help speed up the permit approval process.
- As-of-right permission: The eight plans intended for the Atlantic region are permitted under the Regional Municipality of Tracadie's applicable zoning bylaws when the project meets the prescribed standards.
- **Design flexibility:** Several elements can be modified and customized, including cladding, roofing, interior finishes and other aesthetic considerations.



Housing design options for our municipality

The Housing Design Catalogue is an excellent tool for getting your residential project started. Thanks to work completed under the Housing Accelerator Fund, options such as accessory dwelling units, fourplexes, sixplexes and townhouses are among the eight plans intended for the Atlantic region that are permitted as of right in the Regional Municipality of Tracadie, including the new Fourplex 03 design released in October 2026.

This permission means rezoning is generally not required when the project complies with applicable provisions. A permit application is still required, and a qualified professional must adapt and finalize the plans to suit site-specific conditions and ensure compliance with the Building Code.

Accessory dwelling units

An accessory dwelling unit is a self-contained dwelling located on a property that already contains a principal residence. The Catalogue offers a single-storey model and a two-storey model. (Accessory Dwelling Unit 01; Accessory Dwelling Unit 02)

Accessory Dwelling Unit 01





Accessory Dwelling Unit 02





Images reproduced with permission from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

Stacked townhouses

These buildings contain stacked dwelling units in a form that can be built on its own or repeated side by side to suit different lot sizes. (Stacked Townhouse 01; Stacked Townhouse 02)

Stacked Townhouse 01





Stacked Townhouse 02





Images reproduced with permission from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

Four-unit buildings (fourplexes)

Fourplexes are residential buildings containing four independent dwelling units. The three regional designs are intended to suit a variety of neighbourhood contexts. (Fourplex 01; Fourplex 02; Fourplex 03)

Fourplex 01







Fourplex 02





Fourplex 03



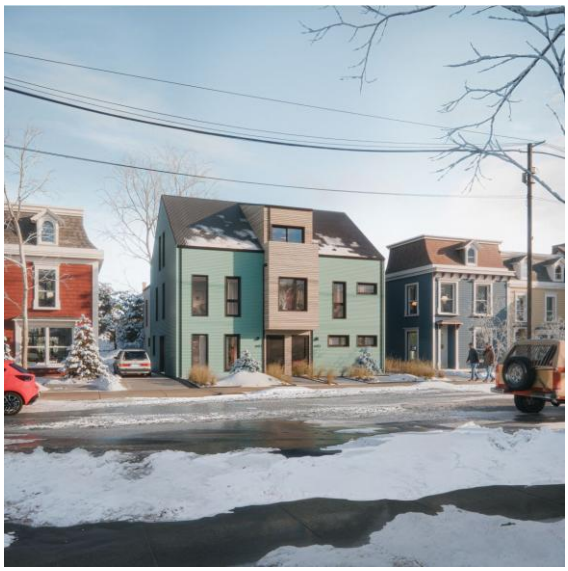


Images reproduced with permission from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

Six-unit building (sixplex)

A sixplex contains six dwelling units in a building designed to expand housing options and increase density in different types of neighbourhoods. (Sixplex)

Sixplex





Images reproduced with permission from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

Browse the CMHC Housing Design Catalogue

Permits and compliance

As-of-right permission does not constitute automatic permit approval. Each project must meet site-specific conditions, applicable zoning provisions and the Building Code.

How to use the catalogue: step by step

The catalogue is a useful starting point. The following steps outline a typical process, from reviewing designs to submitting a permit application for a project in the Regional Municipality of Tracadie.

Step 1: Browse the catalogue

Review the standardized housing designs available in CMHC's Housing Design Catalogue. Each design page includes drawings, key information and options to help you assess how well it fits your project.

Resources available:

- Catalogue User Guide
  - Floor plans and renderings
  - Building details and technical specifications
  - Energy performance guidance
  - Accessibility options for various configurations
- Construction cost estimates - Atlantic
- Site design examples - Atlantic

Step 2: Choose your design

Choose a design suited to the size of your lot, the intended use and your project objectives. Once the base plan is selected, the appearance can generally be customized while ensuring the project continues to meet applicable requirements.

Step 3: Adapt the design to the site

Work with qualified professionals to adapt the design to your property and confirm compliance with zoning requirements. At this stage, you can prepare the documents required for the permit application, such as a detailed site plan.

Site-specific adjustments often include:

- Site conditions: grading, drainage and landscaping
- Zoning compliance: setbacks, height and lot coverage
- Parking, access and servicing considerations
- Exterior materials, finishes and cladding choices

- Local code and municipal bylaw requirements

Step 4: Apply for your permit

Submit your application using the site-adapted version of the selected design. Each application is reviewed based on the characteristics of the site and municipal, provincial and building code requirements.

It is your responsibility to confirm that the final plans meet all applicable requirements, including accessibility, engineering needs and site-specific constraints.

Contact CMHC
For catalogue-specific inquiries, please contact CMHC or refer to the supporting materials provided:

- **Email:** catalogue@cmhc-schl.gc.ca
- User Guide
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

For more information, please contact the Planning Department of the Acadian Peninsula Regional Service Commission:

220 St-Pierre Boulevard West, Suite 134, Door 5, Caraquet, NB E1W 1A5
506-727-7979 | 1-844-727-7979
www.csrpa.ca/en/