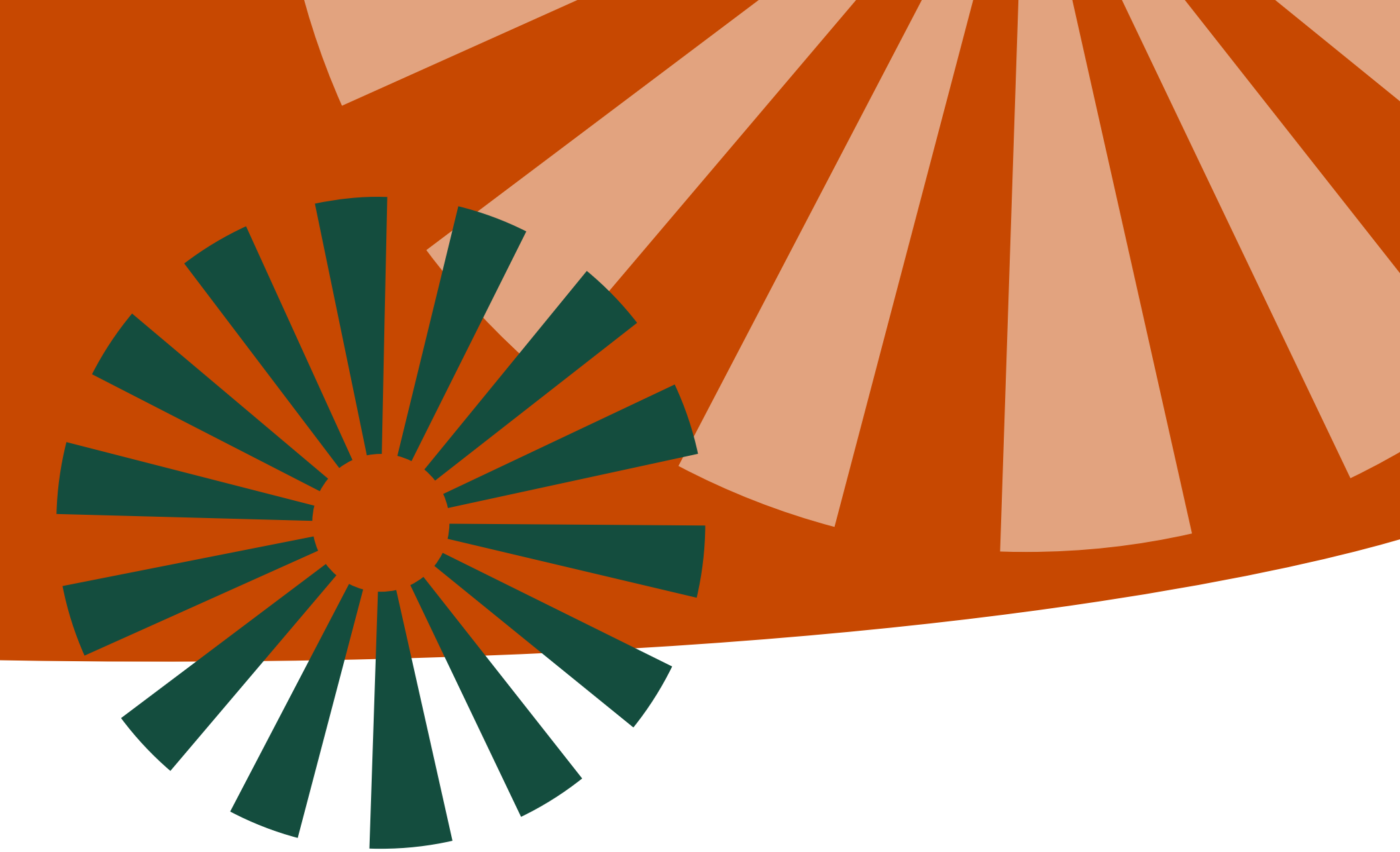




A Thriving City

How We Create Vibrant Communities for All

A range of **housing options**, including interim housing solutions and **working with community partners** such as the YWKW

Planning for **social infrastructure and facilities** in all communities, like **libraries**

Bringing the places we **live, work, and play** closer together

What is A Thriving City?

A Thriving City is about creating a city of vibrant, evolving, and livable neighbourhoods which provide housing opportunities for all. It is about growing an agile and diverse local economy, powered by talented entrepreneurs, workers, and artists.

Thriving cities require neighbourhoods where residents can locally meet their needs.

Cities are best served by livable neighbourhoods that support transit and encourage people to walk, cycle, or roll to their destinations. This means that our homes and the places we visit daily need to be located close to each other. It also means that our neighbourhoods need a certain amount of population to support these places. And beyond use, buildings and the spaces between them need to be designed for safety, sustainability, and in support of connection so that we can all experience and participate in them, now and into the future.

Like cities across Canada, Kitchener is faced with a growing housing crisis.

Housing for All is a human rights-based strategy that was approved by our City Council in 2020 to realize the right to housing and help make housing affordable using the tools and resources available to the City. Kitchener 2051 is an opportunity to reinforce and act on the priorities and recommendations of Housing for All, including through policies which plan for all aspects of the housing continuum.

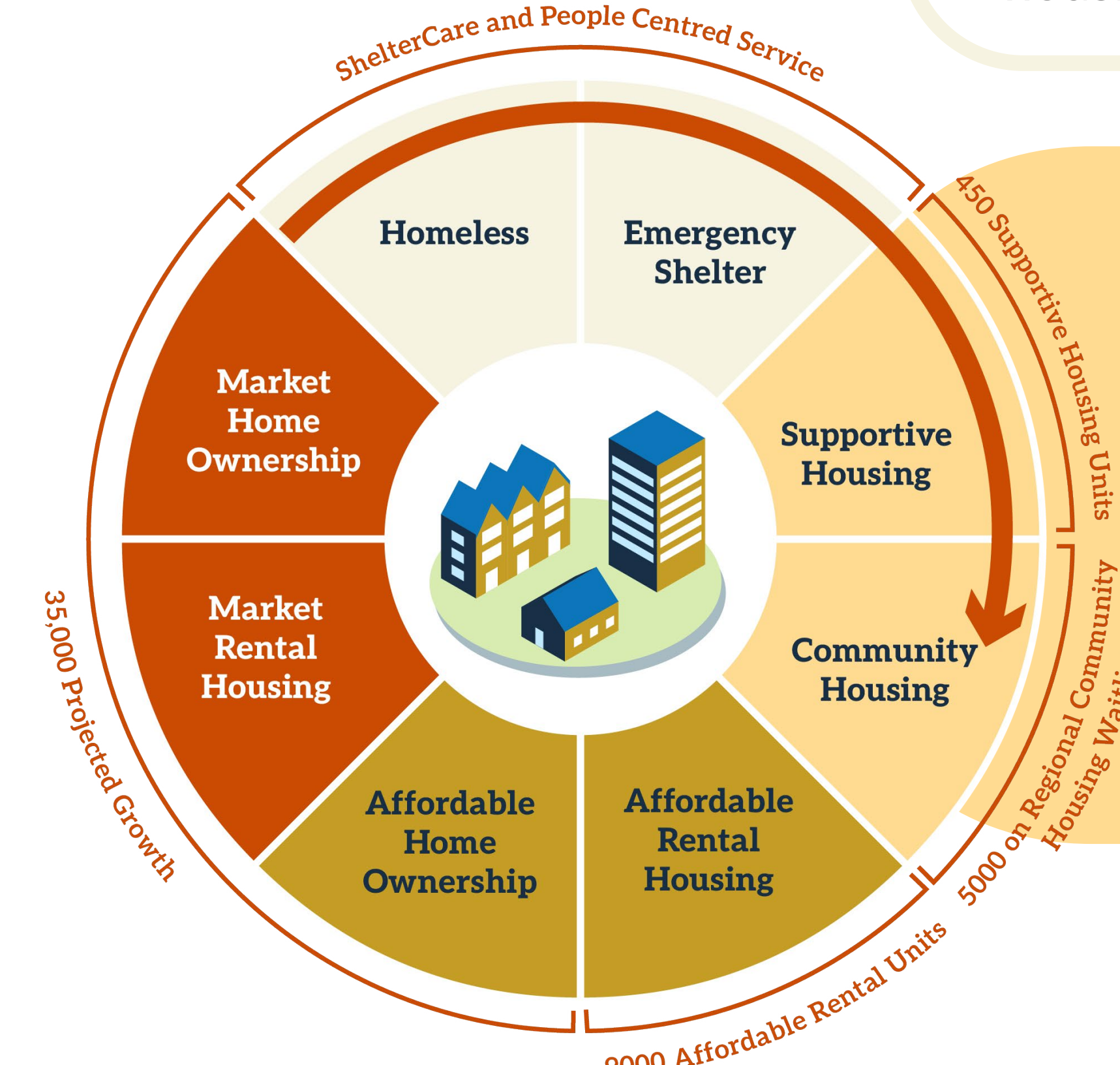


Did you know...

Over 26,000 current residents – including 20% of renters and 4% of owners – live in housing that fails to meet their needs yet lack the means to move into housing that does.

The Wheelhouse is a new way that we are looking at the housing continuum.

The City is committed to reducing inequality and supporting housing choice across The Wheelhouse, with the overall goal of getting all residents into homes. Through Kitchener 2051, we will set housing targets and find new ways to implement them.



A **range of jobs** and spaces that appropriately support them

Multi-functional **spaces for the community**

Participating in **civic processes**

Fun and interactive public spaces for all ages in support of play

Placemaking in support of arts, culture, entrepreneurship, and social connection