

2023 Housing and Homelessness Plan Annual Report

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Service Manager Requirement of Housing and Homelessness Plans

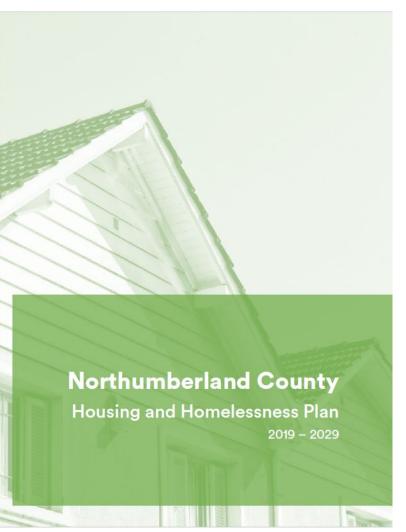


- Introduced through the Housing Services Act, 2011(HSA) and Ontario Regulation 367/11
- Requires Service Managers to develop Housing and Homelessness Plan that aligns with legislative interests.
 - Must be 10 years in length
 - Requires public consultation
 - Consultation with the public and requires approval from the Province
 - Every five years review and amend report
 - Report annually on progress by June 30 to province and public.

Housing and Homelessness Plans in Northumberland









Strategic Priorities of 2019 Plan

- Strategy I: Increase Affordable Housing Options
- Strategy 2: Implement Coordinated Access for Housing and Support Services
- Strategy 3: Support Housing Stability
- Strategy 4: Increase Supportive Housing and Supports
- Strategy 5: Build a Diverse Housing Supply
- Strategy 6: Optimize the Existing Housing Stock

Progress made in 2023: Homelessness Services



- Building HIFIS (Homeless Individuals and Families Information System)
- Built for Zero Canada
- Acquisition of 310 Division Street
- Increase in outreach staff by 2 FTE positions (a total of 3 County Outreach Caseworkers and 2 Mental Health Workers through NHH-CMH)



Homelessness System Response



Unsheltered

Staying in public or private spaces that are not meant for permanent living such as tents, cars, parks



Emergency Sheltered

Staying in overnight shelters – places for people to go when they have **nowhere else** to stay



Provisionally Accommodated

Staying in temporary accommodation with no option for permanence such as couchsurfing, institutions, living in hotels



At risk of homelessness

Currently housed, but dangerously lacking security or stability.
Housing is nearing the end and there are no other housing options available.

Source: Gaetz, S.; Barr, C.; Friesen, A.; Harris, B.; Hill, C.; Kovacs-Burns, K.; Pauly, B.; Pearce, B.; Turner, A.; Marsolais, A. (2012) Canadian Definition of Homelessness. Toronto: Canadian Observatory on Homelessness Press.

Moving Forward: Homelessness Priorities



- Expanding the scope of outreach
- Operationalization of 310 Division Street
- HCRT (Homelessness Coordinated Response Team)
- Creating a Community Liaison Committee
- HIFIS

Progress made in 2023: Housing Services



- Acquired 123 King Street East, Colborne (~\$1,300,000), preserving 22 units of affordable housing in Cramahe.
- Completed Phase One of the Elgin Park redevelopment.
- In partnership with Community Services and Ontario Works, developed the Housing Stability Program (~\$500,000 annually) which provides a monthly rent subsidy, and is supporting ~ 80 individuals.
- Continued implementation of eviction prevention policies and processes for the NCHC.
- With COCHI/OPHI Year 4 funding (~\$460,000) identified community housing providers with similar capital repair needs.
- Continued support for Northumberland Renovates (\$200,000 annually).

Moving Forward: Housing Priorities



- Working with member municipalities and other sources to develop a land bank of shovel-ready and funding-ready projects.
- Supporting viability of the community housing sector as we transition to a new era of community housing (post end-ofmortgage/agreement).
- Continue pre-construction work at 473 Ontario Street with community partners.
- Investigate supportive housing opportunities with community partners.



Questions and comments

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