

PETERBOROUGH**Ten-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan
“Building from Strengths”****Vol. 1
Issue 1****OVERVIEW**

- The Housing and Homelessness Plan will set out a broad strategic plan for housing and homeless programs and services for the next ten years for the City and County of Peterborough. It is a provincial requirement for municipalities responsible for housing to have a Plan in place by 2014.
- Municipal Affairs and Housing has implemented new legislation and released a Minister’s Policy Statement articulating new provincial ‘interests’, which emphasize human services integration, evidence-based needs assessment and public accountability.
- “Building from Strengths” is the title of the Plan for Peterborough, in recognition of successful local initiatives throughout the last decade, and the commitment of the community to support and advocate for local services.
- The Plan will be guided by a Steering Committee and Project Team comprised of City, County and Township staff. The Plan is scheduled to be completed in 2013, after Council approval and after the province provides feedback.

FALL 2012

1. **Tim Welch Consulting** has been engaged by the City to help develop the Plan, conduct consultations and complete the required needs assessment.
2. **Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI)** has been announced by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. It consolidates five programs effective January 1, 2013 which are:

Provincial Rent Bank	Domiciliary Care
Emergency Energy Fund	Emergency Shelter funding
Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program	

There is a significant funding reduction for this area, largely because Community Start Up and Maintenance Benefits have been eliminated in the program consolidation exercise. The City will strive to retain existing housing and homelessness programs and services for 2013, as we transition to the period covered by the ten-year Plan.

3. **Report PLHDJSSC12-002**
10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan Project
(Report from the City of Peterborough)
Appendix A - Ontario Housing Policy Statement
(Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing outline of what the Plan should address)

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PROJECT TASK	TARGET COMPLETION DATE
Research, needs analysis, strengths identification	November-December 2012
Develop the Plan, strategic directions, identify barriers/obstacles, identify outcome measures	January 2013
Draft Plan	February 2013
Update presentation to Directors, Joint Services Steering Committee and Councils	March 2013
Targeted community consultations with existing committees	March-May 2013
Draft Plan to MMAH for comment	May 2013
Revisions to Plan from Consultations	June 2013
Presentation to Directors	July 2013
Final Plan completed, including MMAH comment	July 2013
Joint Services Steering Committee, Committee of the Whole and Council meetings	October 2013