

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 an approved Plan in place by 2014.
- Municipal Affairs and Housing has implemented new legislation and released a Minister’s Housing Policy Statement articulating new provincial ‘interests’, which emphasize human services integration, evidence-based needs assessment and public accountability.
- “Building from Strengths” is the working 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.

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1. Community Consultations and Engagement

Tim Welch Consulting (TWC) are holding Initial consultations and interviews with key stakeholders November 2012 – January 2013. A wide range of voices are being heard, to ensure that the development of the Plan is guided by the realities facing the City and County of Peterborough. These stakeholders include networks, organizations and individuals involved in all aspects of the housing continuum and individuals who have experienced housing-related needs and issues.

You can have your say by emailing comments to housing@peterborough.ca. You could also plan to attend a Joint Services Steering Committee and/or Council meeting in Fall 2013, when the Plan is reviewed for approval.

2. Consultation Questions

The following questions will be a guide for the consultations:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the greatest strengths of the system of affordable housing and homeless-related services in the Peterborough area, or the greatest progress recent years? • What are the largest issues, challenges, and unmet needs in affordable housing and in Peterborough – the City and the County? • What are the greatest issues, challenges, and unmet needs in homelessness prevention, emergency services, outreach, and getting and keeping stable housing? • Still considering needs, what would you suggest about the following aspects?
 Which population/client groups have most severe needs/highest priority?
 The different or distinct needs of the City and the County?
 Steps needed to make the system more client-centred?
 Any steps needed to enhance community capacity?
 Any steps needed to increase public awareness? • Which elements or directions in recent strategic or planning documents are most important to carry over into a 10-year plan, including a 3-year action plan? • What are the most significant strategies and actions that the City and/or County can take locally, with the community, to address such needs (i.e. focusing on local action while recognizing that federal/provincial priorities and resources are also needed)? | Vol. 1
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3. Webpage

The 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan for Peterborough now has a website! Please visit the City of Peterborough's domain at www.peterborough.ca, and navigate to the Housing Division's homepage. Here you will see useful information, including but not limited to:

- Background to the Plan;
- Community Consultation Updates;
- Community and Engagement Questions;
- Links to Reference documents;
- Links to other Canadian Housing and Homelessness Plans;
- Update Bulletins; and
- Frequently Asked Questions with Answers

Please visit the webpage to familiarize yourself with the information, and provide feedback through housing@peterborough.ca. Other City and County departments and Townships set up links to this site from their own homepages. Please feel free to do so, thus helping everyone to stay up to date and connected.