



# Peterborough

10-year housing & homelessness plan



# Background and Process

## Why have a Plan?

- Multiple housing and homelessness programs and services
- Changing needs and demographics in City and County
- Increasing engagement of community partners
- Provincial direction set out in legislation
- 10-year Plan with a focus on actions in the next 5 years



# Homelessness and Housing Continuum

Shelters and Street Outreach	Rental Housing			Market Home Ownership
	Rooming Houses, Transitional and Supportive	Social and Affordable	Private	
1. Providing People-Centred Services				
	2. Creating Housing Affordability			
	3. Preventing Homelessness and Promoting Housing Stability			
4. Transitioning Out of Homelessness				



# Background and Process

- Research into recent municipal actions, local organizations and previous reports/studies
- Project Team and Steering Committee of City, County and Township staff
- Four themes suggested by:
  - Needs Assessment – findings and results
  - Community consultation and key informant interviews



# Timeline

Task	Dates
Initial Community Consultation and Needs Assessment	November 2012 to January 2013
“What We Heard” Forum	February 2013
Developed Draft Plan	March 2013 to May 2013
Community Consultation on Draft Plan	June 2013
Draft Plan to City and County Council	June 2013
Draft Plan to Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	June 2013
Public Information Session on Final Plan	October 2013
Final Plan to City Council	November 2013





# Consultation Process

- Goal: To gain an understanding of housing and homeless-related services in Peterborough from many perspectives



Service Provider Roundtable





# Consultation Process

- Two community forums (February/June 2013)
- 20 meetings with committees and networks, municipal elected officials, City and County service providers, community advocates, private housing experts, aboriginal groups, people with lived experience
- 30 interviews with City, County and Township staff, service providers, developers and social housing providers



# Changes to the Plan since June 2013

- Sections have been added to the Plan
  - Financial and Staff Resources
  - Building on Strengths
  - Connection with Related Local Plans
  - Performance Measures
- NEW Action Plan has been created
- MMAH comments have been considered





# Changes to the Plan since June 2013

- Provincial interests are addressed more directly - housing needs of victims of domestic violence and people with disabilities
- Each of the 20 commitments has been refined to clarify intentions
- The first theme is now “Providing People-Centred Service” to emphasize on-going collaboration and consultation
- Direct quotes from community members from the June 6, 2013 meeting have been added.



# The Plan

- Sets a strategic direction across City and County, and a timetable to monitor progress
- First time that planning for housing and homelessness services has been combined
- Relies on senior government, community partners in non-profit and private sectors
- Provides a guide for specific actions, and follows regular municipal approvals processes

# Four Themes



Providing People-Centred Service



Creating Housing Affordability



Preventing Homelessness and Promoting  
Housing Stability



Transitioning Out of Homelessness



## Commitments

1. Engage community members including people who use services
2. Facilitate alignment of policy and strategic plans (municipal and other) using a service system approach
3. Examine local committees and service provider partnerships to ensure best use of resources
4. Pursue ways to share service data for effective service planning
5. Review the process of applying for RGI housing



# Creating Housing Affordability

## Commitments

6. Expand rent supplements
7. Maximize use of government and private resources for new affordable rental housing
8. Support affordable housing in municipal planning documents (including second suites, garden suites and Community Improvement Plans)
9. Provide loans and grants for necessary home repairs
10. Develop a long-term strategy for existing social housing
11. Ensure necessary repairs to rental properties
12. Provide resources for affordable home ownership assistance



## Commitments

13. Maintain and enhance housing stability
14. Improve discharge planning from institutions, specifically hospital and correctional facilities
15. Expand mental health and addictions case planning and outreach
16. Pursue collaborative priority-setting among funders in homeless services





# Transitioning Out of Homelessness

## Commitments

17. Develop and implement a “Housing First” program model
18. Enhance Brock Mission facility and services
19. Improve collaboration with private sector landlords
20. Enhance supports that prepare people to move out of emergency shelters and to secure and maintain their housing



# Action Plan

- Guides implementation of 20 commitments over next 5 years, with specifics for 2014
- Identifies required resources from Federal and Provincial, and steps to access those resources
- Communicates collaboration opportunities to community partners
- Identifies roles for City, County, Townships, private sector, and non-profit sector



# Next Steps

- Final Plan will be presented to City Council for consideration in November 2013
- Implementation starts in 2014 and discussions with stakeholders have begun
- 2014 Budget considerations have been incorporated in Housing and Social Services proposals
- Continued advocacy to Federal and Provincial governments
- 2017 review of Plan