

HOUSING FOR ALL

Oxford County's 10-Year Housing & Homelessness Plan

Council Presentation - August 14, 2024

Strategic Context



10-Year Housing & Homelessness Plan

Housing for all THE HOUSING CONTINUUM
IN OXFORD COUNTY



Engaging Stakeholders



Feedback received from
all 8 area municipalities

**Area
Municipalities
Survey**



**Community
Survey**

464 Respondents



- Community Agencies and Health System partners (2 sessions)
- Employment Services
- Childcare providers
- Area Municipal Planning partners and development Industry leaders
- Engagement on new Plan with First Nations

**Focus
Groups**

Key Engagement Themes

- Increase affordable housing options
- Increase transitional housing and supportive housing
- Enhance system of supports
- Advocate for increased federal and provincial investment





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2024 - 2033 Housing & Homelessness Plan



Key Elements of the New Plan

- Overview of Housing and Homelessness System in Oxford
- Key Partners
- Accomplishments and Highlights 2019-2024
- Understanding Housing Need
- Strategic Directions
 - ✓ Key Activities
 - ✓ Progress Measures

Housing For All: Approach

5 Strategic Directions

30+ Actions &
Progress Measures



Updated Strategic Directions



Reduce Homelessness Through Prevention



Support Housing Stability Through Collaboration



Maintain and Improve the Existing Housing Portfolio



Increase Affordable and Rental Options



Advocate for Increased Investment



Reduce Homelessness Through Prevention

- Develop a Homelessness Response Strategy
- Improve and increase access to emergency and transitional housing options

Support Housing Stability Through Collaboration

- Improve access to and coordination of services
- Strengthen the system of supports through enhanced partnerships



Maintain and Improve the Existing Housing Portfolio

- Sustain community housing as mortgages expire
- Continue to invest in repair and renewal of the County's housing portfolio
- Implement a technology solution to support capital planning for community housing





Increase Affordable and Rental Options

- Implement the Master Housing Strategy as funding becomes available
- Facilitate new affordable housing units through partnerships and innovation

Advocate for Increased Investment

- Collaborate with other Service Managers and municipal organizations to advocate for sustained federal and provincial investment in new affordable housing supply programs
- Work with local partners to advocate for increased investment in homelessness response and housing stability supports

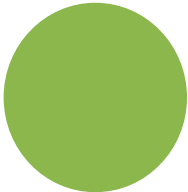
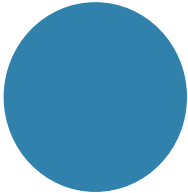
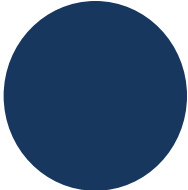


Advocate for Increased Investment

- Review successful Canadian housing advocacy campaigns to inform County advocacy planning
- Continue to engage local housing and health system partners in development of business cases and related initiatives to advocate for increased provincial investment in housing and housing stability programs
- Leverage membership in organizations such as ROMA, FCM and AMO to advocate for sustained investment in affordable housing development
- Explore facilitating a Housing Summit to raise awareness of County initiatives and promote continued action to address housing need
- Outreach to local service manager areas to determine opportunities to develop regional advocacy messaging



Next Steps

-  Council Approval of “Housing For All”
(recommended)
-  Review of any new provincial requirements
-  Updates to “Housing For All” as needed





Thank You!

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