



Transforming Housing and Homelessness in Ontario

Ontario's Long Term Affordable
Housing Strategy Update

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Ontario's Journey: Housing and Homelessness



Breaking the Cycle: Poverty Reduction Strategy 2008

Focused on children and families. Committed government to developing the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy.

Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy (LTAHS) 2010

Included a public commitment to consolidate five homelessness-related programs by January 1, 2013.

Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) 2013

Launched a single flexible program that aims to prevent, address and reduce homelessness.

Realizing Our Potential: Poverty Reduction Strategy 2014

Committed government to update LTAHS and introduced a bold long-term goal to end homelessness.

Expert Advisory Panel on Homelessness 2015

Provided advice on defining and measuring homelessness, setting targets and building capacity to end it.

LTAHS Update

Released March 14, 2016

LTAHS Update: Vision and Themes

Every person has an affordable, suitable, and adequate home to provide the foundation to secure employment, raise a family, and build strong communities

- Consultations launched on April 14, 2015 and concluded on July 3, 2015
- A short consultation document was released as part of the consultation launch, with questions based on the four themes of the LTAHS Update
- MMAH received over 110 stakeholder submissions during the consultation period and attended 38 meetings and consultation sessions



LTAHS Update: Consultation Themes

- Analysis of the stakeholder submissions and public feedback received as part of the LTAHS Update consultations, identified in a number of themes:
 - Need to increase the supply of affordable housing
 - Need to update/reform the current Rent-Geared-to-Income system
 - Make housing assistance portable, not tied to a specific housing unit
 - Streamline access to housing and support services as it is too complicated for clients
 - Expand access to support services so it is easily available to tenants receiving housing assistance
 - More money is needed to maintain and/or increase the supply of affordable housing
 - Service Managers and housing providers need better data
 - There is a need for a dedicated Indigenous housing strategy

2016 Ontario Budget & LTAHS Announcement

- The release of the Ontario Budget indicated that, as part of the LTAHS Update, our government will:
 - - Bring forward proposed legislative and regulatory changes to increase the supply and sustainability of affordable housing;
 - Develop a framework for a portable housing benefit and transformation of social and supportive housing programs/systems to ensure that people get the help they need, where and how they need it;
 - Adopt key steps to end chronic homelessness, including planning to require enumeration at the local level to gather data about homelessness; and
 - Develop a housing strategy specific to Indigenous peoples.
- The LTAHS Update was released on March 14, 2016 identifying an investment of \$178 mil over 3 years to provide housing subsidies and benefits which will include:
 - Support for the construction of up to 1,500 new supportive housing units over the long term;
 - up to \$100 mil. for housing allowances and support services to assist up to 4,000 families and individuals in supportive housing over the next 3 years
 - \$45 million over 3 years to enhance the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative
 - \$20 million over 2 years to pilot a new portable housing benefit that would offer more options for those fleeing domestic violence, benefiting approximately 1000 households.
 - \$2.5 mill. to create a Capacity Building Fund to support research, evaluation and capacity building initiatives

LTAHS Update: Highlights

- Portable Housing Benefits
- Modernized Social Housing Programs
- Legislative and Regulatory Reform
- Supportive Housing
- Indigenous Housing Strategy

For more information:

- Your questions on the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy Update are always welcome.

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