

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan (Plan) for the City and County of Peterborough was implemented in 2014. A Review of the Plan has now been conducted. This is a requirement of the Province, but was well supported by the City who welcomed the opportunity to align the Plan with current priorities to reflect the needs and voices of the community.

Public Consultations

We conducted thorough consultation with community members. A full report on **What We Heard** is included as a companion document to the Review.

576 Community members, including those with lived experience gave feedback.



Priority Areas

The Plan has two key priorities:



1

Ending Homelessness
& Staying Housed

2

Building Housing

Needs Assessment

There are challenges in the City and County of Peterborough that make housing a crisis for many of our residents. Also, homelessness is a critical concern. Some of the factors that contribute to this crisis are:

- lack of housing stock and unaffordable new development,
- high competition for rental units,
- high housing costs and low incomes,
- low apartment turnover, and
- high costs of homeownership.

The realities of this crisis were described by many residents during the consultations. Their voices are reflected in new goals and objectives. They will continue to be heard as we work alongside our partners to accomplish new targets to end homelessness and build housing.



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Priority 1: Ending Homelessness & Staying Housed

Since 2014, the work to end homelessness in Peterborough City and County has resulted in an average of:

349

households move from homelessness to housing each year.

Peterborough is committed to ending chronic homelessness by 2025.

In 2018 the City of Peterborough joined 30 other communities across the country who are part of the **Built For Zero** campaign to end chronic homelessness. This campaign uses evidence-based strategies to end chronic homelessness.

Two key strategies have been implemented in Peterborough, a Coordinated Access System and By-Name Priority List. These strategies use a **Housing First** approach and are designed to rapidly connect people with housing supports.

Priority 2: Building Housing

Peterborough needs more affordable options for people looking to rent and those looking to buy homes.

A Housing Forecast for the next 10 years was developed that sets targets to meet all housing needs. To get there by 2029 we need:

580 supportive housing units

2,680 new rental units

796 new homeownership units