

# the OAEH plan:

## END HOMELESSNESS AND ADDRESS HOUSING INSECURITY AND POVERTY IN ONTARIO



Ontario Alliance to  
End Homelessness



### PROVINCIAL COMMITMENT TO END HOMELESSNESS IN ONTARIO

- Restore the goal of ending chronic homelessness by 2025
- Expand funding (e.g. emergency responses)
- Dedicated support and policy analysis for groups at risk
- Involve lived experts
- Resume provincial wide homelessness census

### IMPLEMENT BEST PRACTICES IN ENDING HOMELESSNESS

- Upscale investment in Housing First
- Integrate a Medical Model for Health for Housing and Homelessness
- Streamlined data management
- Upscale, increase, and expand the Canadian Ontario Housing Benefit



### ALLEVIATE POVERTY THROUGH DIRECT FINANCIAL SUPPORTS

- No erroneous exclusions that stigmatize and exclude recipients
- Guaranteed minimum income (Basic Income)
- Liveable wage for OW and ODSP recipients
- Meet cost of living standards in all Ontario communities

### CONSTRUCT NEW PERMANENT, AFFORDABLE, PROVINCIALY OWNED & COMMUNITY BASED NOT FOR PROFIT HOUSING

- Extend the life of 260,000 affordable homes, invest in the creation of 30,000 supportive housing units, and 100,000 new affordable social housing units by 2030
- Enhance rental supports & focus on homelessness prevention
- Create oversight of housing maintenance and development



### IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO CURTAIL THE FINANCIALIZATION OF RENTAL HOUSING MARKETS

- Limit the ability of large capitol funds to purchase rental housing assets so that provincial government and communities can first opt to build permanent affordable or supportive housing
- Planning regulation and taxation to restrict profit build rental housing

### DISTINCT HOUSING STRATEGY FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

- We join the call for an adequately resourced, distinction based, Urban and Rural Indigenous Housing and Homelessness Strategy that is developed and implemented by urban, rural, and northern Indigenous peoples and housing service providers
- Ensure adequate funding and culturally appropriate approaches
- Provide community housing and not for profit housing investment



### IMPLEMENT A RIGHT TO HOUSING LEGISLATION & STRUCTURE

- Resolve inequities and systemic and structural breakdowns that contribute to homelessness and housing needs
- Create a strong and well-resourced and affective Housing Advocate, and Ontario Housing Council
- Involve lived experts to support a human rights approach
- Monitor (data) impact of government initiatives

### MAKE RENTING MORE SECURE & AFFORDABLE

- Re-implement rent control and eliminate vacancy decontrol
- End "Renovictions" and unfair evictions
- Overhaul the Landlord Tenant Board
- Mandate universal design building codes
- Create oversight (Housing Ombudsman) to ensure equity and justice for renters



### PREVENTION BASED APPROACH TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS

- Address the policies and strategies that impact homelessness at structural and systemic levels
- Early intervention practices
- Address discrimination at all levels in housing, funding, & programming
- Funding to address rental arrears & housing loss prevention
- Prevent institutional discharge to homelessness & implement support

### ADDITIONAL FUNDING & SUPPORTS FOR RURAL AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES

- Lower incomes, higher costs of living, and lack of social housing and supports puts those in rural and remote communities at greater risk relative to urban areas.
- Limited services also means more difficulty exiting homelessness

