



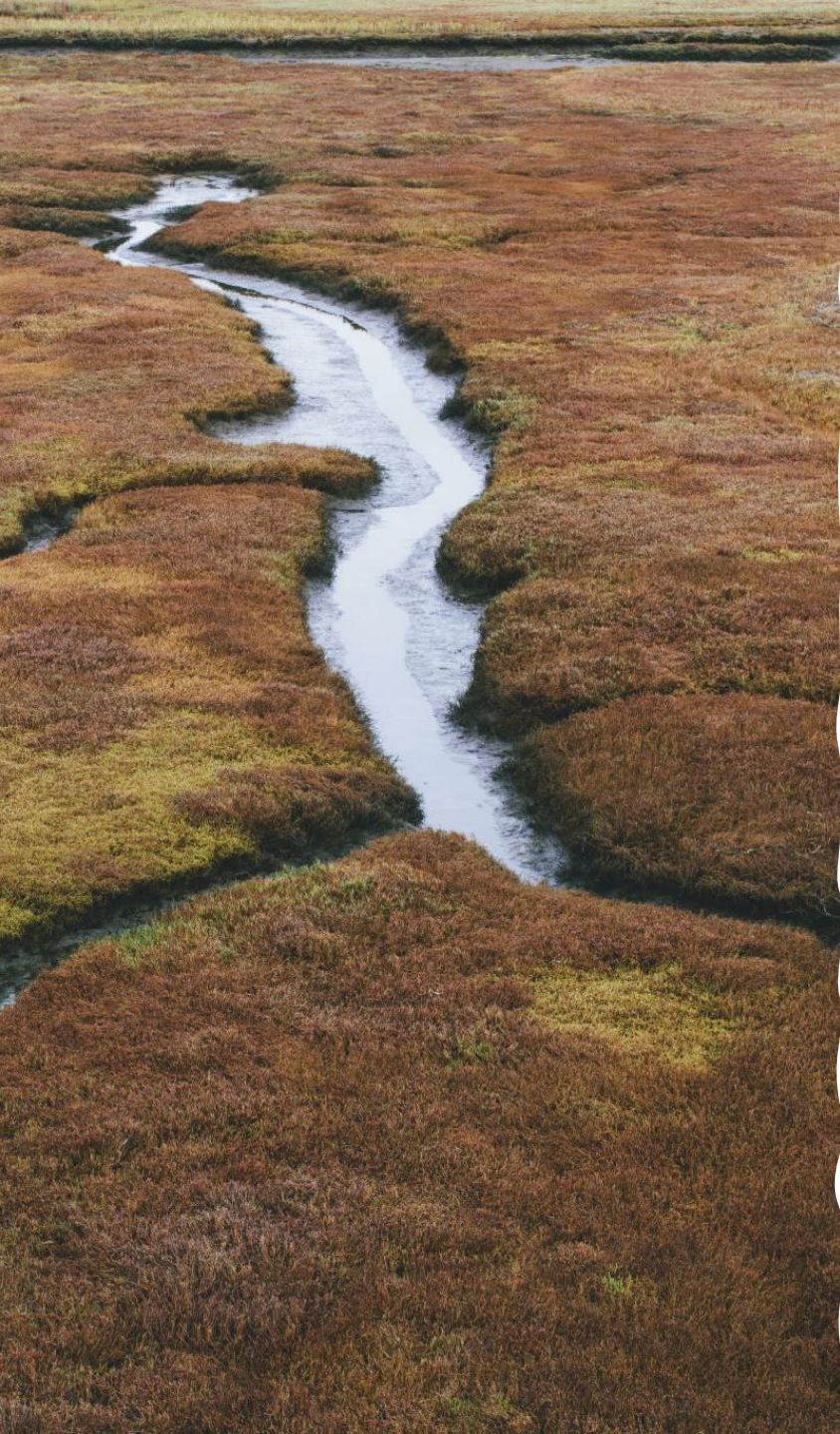
Toronto Housing and Homelessness Service Planning Forum

June 14 2023

ITEM

10:00	1	Land Acknowledgement & Agenda Review <ul style="list-style-type: none">Housing Secretariat
10:05	2	SSHA Items and Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">2SLGBTQ+ Homelessness in Toronto: Preliminary Results from the 2021 Needs Assessment – Linda Wood (SSHA), Christopher Webb (SSHA), Dr. Alex Abramovich (CAMH)
10:35	3	Housing Secretariat Items and Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supporting 2SLGBTQ+ Communities in Accessing Safe Affordable and Supportive Housing – Matt HilderRGI Priority – Supportive Housing Graduates update – Aviva Levy
11:00	4	Community Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">New Collaborative Housing Project from the 519 and Homes First – Martha Singh Jennings (The 519), Elton McDuffus (Homes First)
11:20	5	TAEH Items and Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">Toronto Mayoral By-Election – Community Advocacy UpdatesAnti-Oppression and Equity Working Group – update and commitments from the AllianceFederal Housing Advocate<ul style="list-style-type: none">Encampment ReviewHousing Issues Submissions
11:45	6	Other Business
11:50	7	Close

Next Meeting:
Wednesday July 12th
10:00am – Noon



Land Acknowledgement

Toronto is on Anishnabeg, Chippewa, Haudenosaunee, and Wendat territory, and is currently home to diverse Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island. The land itself is Dish with One Spoon Territory, and is part of the Two Row Wampum rooted in sharing and caring for the land in collaborative community.

SSHA Items and Updates

- 2SLGBTQIA+ Homelessness in Toronto: Preliminary Results from the 2021 Needs Assessment
 - Linda Wood (SSHA)
 - Christopher Webb (SSHA)
 - Dr. Alex Abramovich (CAMH)



Housing Secretariat Updates

- Supporting 2SLGBTQIA+ Communities in Accessing Safe Affordable and Supportive Housing
 - Matt Hilder
- RGI Priority – Supportive Housing Graduates Update
 - Aviva Levy





Community Update

- New Collaborative Housing Project from the 519 and Homes First Society
 - Martha Singh Jennings (The 519)
 - Elton McDuffus (Homes First)

Mayoral By-Election: Community Advocacy

Community Advocacy Page: <https://taeh.ca/community-advocacy-2023>

TAEH Pledge to End Homelessness can be found at <https://taeh.ca/end-homelessness-2023>

- Developing a Toronto Plan to End Homelessness
 - In place by fall 2023 to prepare for next City budget
 - Increased housing outcomes every month – set to create more outflow than inflow
 - Mayor’s Roundtable to develop this plan in collaboration with community and people with lived experience
- Dedicated Fund to Address Homelessness
 - New revenue source – Potential use of the Vacant Home Tax
 - Adequate funding for City divisions and community service providers

Ontario for All: Mayoral By-Election Resources

Ontario for all has created a helpful toolkit to support communities and organizations to become more engaged in the electoral process this June. This includes information for voters, helpful tips on how to gather and discuss issues, opportunities for input into critical conversations, and more. [Find the Toolkit here.](#)



**Ontario
for All**



www.showupto.ca | [#ShowUpTO](https://twitter.com/ShowUpTO)

ON MONDAY, JUNE 26TH, LET'S SHOW UP FOR:

1. Deeply affordable housing and shelter
2. Accessible, affordable and safe public services
3. Decent work and decent pay
4. Community safety
5. Community wellness



[#ShowUpTO](https://twitter.com/ShowUpTO):

YWCA,
WomanACT,
Social Planning
Toronto, and City
for All

CAMH challenges mayoral candidates to address the mental health and addictions crisis in Toronto

Recommendations include scaling up early intervention psychosis programs, substance use treatment for methamphetamine and other stimulant users and supportive housing. [Learn more.](#)



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mental health is health



Toronto Acorn

[Count On Me to Vote for an Affordable City!](#)

Count On Me to vote for the priorities that Toronto ACORN members have identified in their Affordable City platform for the upcoming mayoral election.

Count on me to support Toronto ACORN's Affordable City platform:

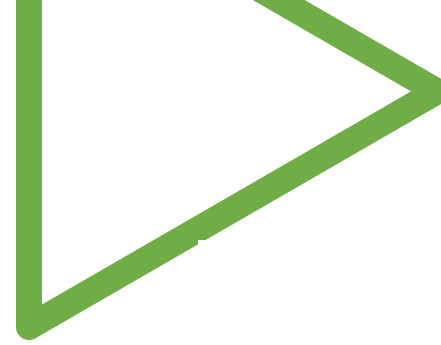
- Landlord licensing
- Fund affordable housing
- No tenant displacement
- Community funding
- Affordable internet



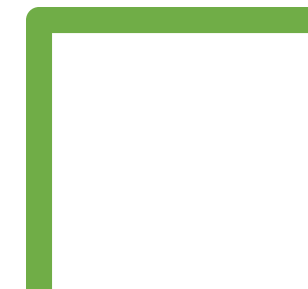
Everything You Need to Know: Toronto Mayoral By-Election

Our city's next mayor faces an intersection of pressing issues, and it's critical that everyone who is eligible casts their vote to make sure they have a say as to who will lead Toronto through the next four years.

Access the work from Daily Bread Food Bank to learn who's eligible to vote, how the new mail-in option works and more to ensure your voice is heard on [by-election day](#).



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TTC service has been cut on over 30 routes. Fares have increased. Commit to vote for a mayor who will reverse service cuts and fund a better TTC!

TTCRiders is calling for voters to [commit to vote](#) for a mayor who will reverse service cuts on 30 bus routes and fund a better TTC.

[Click here](#) to learn how candidates answered key transit questions.



Federal Housing Advocate Submissions

The Office of the Federal Housing Advocate is currently accepting submissions to two critical reviews:

- [Homelessness Encampments](#)
- [Financialization of Housing](#)

The Advocate's review on encampments

The Federal Housing Advocate has launched a formal review of encampments in Canada to address this serious human rights crisis happening in cities across the country.

The Advocate's review will focus on systemic solutions to address the factors that lead to encampments, as well as the daily struggles of the people who live there. At the conclusion of the review, the Advocate will submit her findings and recommendations to the federal Minister responsible for housing, and also make recommendations to other levels of government and other stakeholders.

The review will be guided by the principles of a human rights-based approach. The Advocate will collect testimony from people living in encampments, and also engage with civil society organizations that serve them, as well as experts in human rights and housing. The Advocate will also engage with duty-bearers from federal, provincial or territorial, and municipal governments.

TAEH Anti-Oppression & Equity Working Group

G – TAEH is grounded in Equity/Anti-Oppression Framework

G.1 – Adopt an Anti-Oppression (AOP) Framework to hold TAEH accountable

G.1.1 – Convene the Equity and Anti-Oppression Working Group (working title)

G.1.2 – Develop the AOP Framework, including:

- Board policies/positions
- Supporting by-laws if appropriate
- Organizational, HR etc. policies

G.1.3 – Integrate the AOP Framework into all parts of TAEH

- Support continuous learning opportunities
- Identify processes to ensure an equity lens is applied to all TAEH position papers, working group outputs, etc.
- Engage Equity Working Group in processes to identify TAEH strategic priorities on a regular basis

The Advocate's research on Financialization

The Office of the Federal Housing Advocate led a research project that brought together five researchers to examine the growing role of private equity and investment firms in the residential real estate market and long-term care in Canada.

The research demonstrates that the financialization of purpose-built rentals and long-term care have had significant impacts for tenants, seniors, workers, and communities. It also points to actions that governments at all levels can take to curb financialization and mitigate its impacts.

This research and engagement will help the Federal Housing Advocate to develop legislative and policy recommendations for government to implement better protections against the financialization of housing and its impacts on people, disadvantaged groups, and communities. Measures to address financialization must put human rights first.

Other Business

Housing Pathways for Women and Gender Diverse People Working Group

This Working Group is a collaboration between community organizations from the Violence Against Women sector and City of Toronto staff.

In response to the Federal and Provincial budgets released this year, the group has written a letter to each order of government with comments and recommendations on how government funds can better be used to support the needs of women and gender diverse folks who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

They are asking for organizations to add their names to the letter in an endorsement of their recommendations.

If your organization would like to endorse this letter, please email Harmy Mendoza, Executive Director of Woman ACT at hmendoza@womanact.ca on or before June 15th, 2023.