



Toronto Alliance to End Homelessness welcomes the redesigned Federal Homelessness Partnership Strategy

June 11, 2018 (TORONTO): The Toronto Alliance to End Homelessness (TAEH) joined their voice in supporting this morning's announcement of the redesigned Federal Homelessness Partnership Strategy (HPS). The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development presented "Reaching Home: Canada's Homeless Strategy", in Toronto.

"The TAEH welcomes the announcement of an enhanced and redesigned HPS as the final part of Canada's new National Housing Strategy," said **Mark Aston, Chair, [Toronto Alliance to End Homelessness](#)** (TAEH). "We believe that today brings the most significant and important change to the HPS since the introduction of the National Homelessness Initiative in 1999; changes that we can use to better address homelessness and to end it faster."

Set to go into effect on April 1, 2019 and run through to 2029, the revised housing strategy was based on the findings and recommendations of the federal Advisory Committee on Homelessness. Led by local MP Adam Vaughn, on May 18, the committee released their [advice and recommendations](#) to Minister Duclos and the government, as well as a "[what they heard](#)" document during the consultations over the previous year.

Said **Kira Heineck, Executive Lead**, Toronto Alliance to End Homelessness, "We congratulate the Advisory Committee, MP Adam Vaughn, and Minister Duclos and his government on their commitment to acknowledging the voice and role of people with lived experience throughout the new HPS. Indigenous experience, leadership and strategies as an equal and mainstream part of the HPS redesign is also critical. TAEH looks forward to doing our part in learning from, and developing true collaboration with Indigenous leaders and communities in addressing homelessness in Toronto."

The announcement also brings good news for Toronto with key opportunities that the TAEH and its partners can take to strengthen the work towards zero homelessness in the city. Observed Heineck, "The new homelessness partnering strategy highlights key areas that we've been asking the government to address such as increased local flexibility, a recommitment to Housing First, a data driven and performance based program and co-ordinated access."

"Last winter was incredibly difficult for our city's most vulnerable population," commented Aston. "As homelessness continues to rise and more people are seeking shelter beds or respite services, today is an opportunity for all orders of government to also commit a designated percentage of the overall National Housing Strategy dollars to create housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness."

Mark Aston, Chair TAEH and Kira Heineck, Executive Lead TAEH are available for media interviews.

About the TAEH

[The Toronto Alliance to End Homelessness](#) (TAEH) is a community-based collective impact initiative that recognizes the critical importance of working in a new way towards a common goal.

Our Vision

Zero chronic and episodic homelessness in Toronto.

Our Mission

To mobilize the collective impact necessary to effect change in Toronto to achieve and maintain zero homelessness.

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