



*Toronto Housing
& Homelessness
Service System
Planning Forum*

September 14 2022



AGENDA

		ITEM
10:00		Introduction and Housekeeping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda review
10:05	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Recognition
10:10	2	SSHA Items and Updates Update on Shelter Flow Data from Stephanie Malcher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Minutes Presentation • 10 Minutes questions
10:30	3	Housing Secretariat Items and Updates Updates from Valesa Faria, Director, Housing Policy & Strategy, Housing Secretariat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ 20 minutes
10:50	4	Shelter Transition, Shelter Capacity, and Shelter Acquisition Panel and discussion on the current state of the shelter system and plans moving forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Tarik Bacchus - Manager, Covid Transition & Relocation (10 minutes) ☐ David Reycraft - Director of Housing Services, Dixon Hall (10 minutes) ☐ Sonja Nerad - Executive Director, Toronto Shelter Network (10 minutes) ☐ Facilitated Discussion - Savhanna Wilson, TAEH (15 minutes)
11:35	5	TAEH Items and Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 Municipal Election
11:45	6	Emerging priorities Environmental scan to inform future agendas.
11:50	7	Other business/close
		Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 10:00am - Noon - ZOOM

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.



Item 2: SSHA Items and Updates

Update on Shelter Flow Data from Stephanie Malcher

- 10 Minute Presentation
 - 10 Minute Questions
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*Item 3:
Housing
Secretariat Items
and Updates*

Valesa Faria, Director,
Housing Secretariat

Item 4: Shelter Transition, Shelter Capacity, & Shelter Acquisition



Panel and discussion on the current state of the shelter system and plans moving forward

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Item 5: TAEH Updates

- Toronto Municipal Election Updates:
TAEH Campaign Kickoff
Municipal Election Plan
TAEH Message
Pledge to End Homelessness Campaign

TAEH Municipal Election Plan

The 2022 Municipal Election is on October 24th and the TAEH aims to highlight the need for urgent action towards ending homelessness in Toronto by encouraging candidates running for office to make concrete commitments to prioritizing tangible solutions that they can be held accountable to, if elected.

We know what ends homelessness.

- It is housing.
- It is providing the supports a person may need in order to find and keep their housing.
- It is a coordinated, data-driven system.
- And it is a responsive emergency shelter system that delivers housing-focussed services for people seeking refuge at their doors.

Homelessness in Toronto is a crisis that is getting worse and not better.

More people experience homelessness than ever before in our city, and the services, both emergency shelter and housing, are at a breaking point in being able to adequately help people find the supports and housing they need.

Homelessness is the result of a combination of poverty, a lack of affordable housing and difficult personal circumstances. Its cost in human lives, potential, and suffering is not acceptable for any just or compassionate society.

This election presents an opportunity to create a strong commitment to doing what is needed to end homelessness. Candidates vying to represent us on the new Council must make ending homelessness a priority, committing to real, tangible actions they will support once elected.

TAEH Pledge to End Homelessness

The TAEH is asking all candidates to commit to:

- Making ending homelessness through housing solutions a top City priority in the coming term.
- A minimum housing access target for people experiencing homelessness.
- Increase financial resources, dedicating them to this target, in a new fund to make homelessness being rare, brief, and non-recurring.
- Ensure that appropriate targets and resources are allocated to For Indigenous, By Indigenous housing strategies, in direct proportion to the over-representation those communities experience in demographics of homelessness.
- Create a new Advisory Committee on ending homelessness.
- Developing a Toronto Ending Homelessness Plan

What can you do?

- Provide endorsements to the Pledge to End Homelessness from your organizations
- Use your personal and organizational communications tools (newsletter, social media) to amplify the message and help to ensure ending homelessness is a priority for candidates and voters alike
- Utilize and share the TAEH Campaign Toolkit, launching the week of September 18th
- Write a letter to Mayoral candidates and candidates in your ward
- Volunteer with the TAEH Pledge to End Homelessness team to organize postering, phone banks, letter writing parties, or other amplification opportunities between now and October 24th

Reach out to Savannah to get involved, and watch out for the website and toolkit launch next week - savhanna@taeh.ca

Item 6: Emerging Priorities

- *What are some topics you would like to see addressed at the Toronto Housing and Homelessness Service Planning Forum?*



Other Business

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