



# **Toronto Housing and Homelessness Service Planning Forum**

February 3 2021

# Introduction & Housekeeping

- + Zoom etiquette
- + Format of meeting
- + Chairs

**Mark Aston**, TAEH Chair and ED, Covenant House

**Ashleigh Dalton**, Manager, Strategic Policy and Service Planning, SSHA

# Tkaronto

## Acknowledgement

By Jonathan Elliott, Mohawk film maker from the Six Nations Reserve

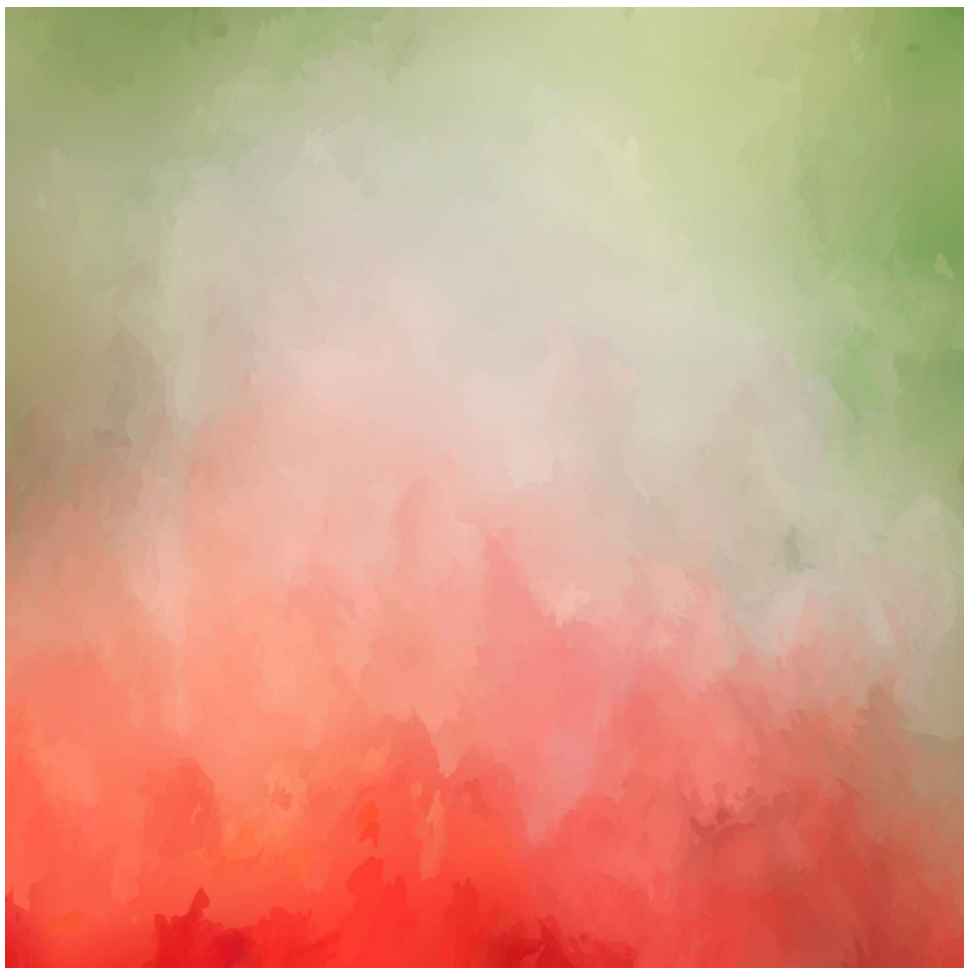
Toronto is built on land that has been inhabited by several Indigenous nations since time immemorial. Their histories, cultures and languages were instrumental in the founding of the city, so why does this history continue to be forgotten?

From exploring the Indigenous origins of the city's name, to the murder of a Mississauga chief that nearly caused all-out war, "Acknowledgment" sheds light on how Indigenous people's lives and histories have shaped Toronto's origins and asks the question; in this era of reconciliation, how do we acknowledge our collective history?

- Mississaugas of the Credit
- Anishnabeg
- Chippewa
- Haudenosaunee
- Wendat

# Agenda

		ITEM	Notes
<b>10:00</b>		<b>Introduction and Housekeeping</b>	
<b>10:05</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Land Recognition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land recognition</li> <li>• Agenda review and solicitation of other business</li> </ul>
<b>10:10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Access to Health Services Framework for People Experiencing Homelessness</b>	Joint presentation with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angela Robertson, Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre</li> <li>• Stephanie Bell, SSHA</li> <li>• Kan Cheung, TC LHIN</li> </ul>
<b>11:00</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>SSHA Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaccine rollout</li> <li>• SSHA 2021-2025 Service Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bonnie Wakely, Manager, Homelessness Initiatives and Prevention Services, SSHA</li> <li>• Ashleigh Dalton, Manager, Strategic Policy and Service Planning, SSHA</li> </ul>
<b>11:30</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>TAEH Updates</b>	With Kira Heineck, TAEH
<b>11:45</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Other business/close</b>	Review of any urgent next steps not already captured



# **Access to Health Services Framework for People Experiencing Homelessness**

- **Angela Robertson**, Parkdale  
Queen West Community Health  
Centre
- **Stephanie Bell**, SSHA
- **Kan Cheung**, TC LHIN

# TAEH Updates

- Budgets
  - Ontario
  - City
  - Federal
- Emergency Housing Program

# Ontario 2021-2022 budget

## + Pre-budget process underway

- Public survey closes February 12
- TAEH submission out tomorrow
  - Draws on our submission to province's engagement on supportive housing
  - Includes summary organized to survey questions

# Ontario 2021-2022 budget

## Key messages


- 1. Fund additional support services and rent supplements in 2021/22 for people experiencing homelessness**
2. Expanding the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit
3. Portable rent subsidies for people leaving 'dedicated' project-based supportive housing
4. Investment in local Coordinated Access Systems, including required data infrastructure
5. Adequate wages for front-line housing and shelter workers
6. Extended moratorium on evictions
7. Sustaining existing supportive housing with a market-based rent supplement formula



# Toronto 2021-22 Budget

TAEH will depute  
at Executive  
Committee

- Feb 11
- Will share ahead of time



Key message will be to  
invest in housing  
solutions to end  
homelessness

- Championing housing-  
focused emergency shelter  
models and transitions to  
supportive housing (as per  
SSHA/United Way Task Force)



# Budget 101

## Process for Progress

Important Information for COVID-19

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# Create Your Ideal City Budget

This year as part of our Toronto Centre Budget Town Hall, my office has partnered with **Ethelo**, a Canadian organization that created a survey and participatory budget tool where you can experiment with your own tax dollars and design your own municipal budget. You will be provided with the average property tax amount and will be able to vote to increase or decrease funding to a number of City services.

As you allocate funding across the different services, you will see your own priorities reflected through your unique budget. With a helpful auto-balance tool, you will be able to weigh the importance of your chosen City services and balance your budget. Every municipality is required by Provincial law to balance its budget. This might mean that you have to make sacrifices and compromises or increase City revenues. Launching today, and running until **February 19, 2021**, you will have time to explore the platform as well as submit your ideal budget.

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## Questionnaire



# **Emergency Housing Program**

- The Housing Secretariat plans to deliver 1,248 new homes in the 2021 calendar year, as part of the City's 24-month housing plan.
- 660 of those homes could be delivered within the first quarter of the year.
- However, funding for operations and supportive services is only secured for 150 of those homes.
  - SSHA Rapid Housing program Phase 2
- Housing Secretariat is collaborating with TAEH and TICAB to marshal a coordinated sector response

# Emergency Housing Program

- + We are inviting all providers with resources to turn new homes into housing with supports to participate in joint planning. Some may have resources for supports or rent supplements that are waiting for available housing. Email [kira.heineck@taeh.ca](mailto:kira.heineck@taeh.ca) for more information.
- + To make a shared plan for how we can collectively bring supports to help house people in greatest need.
- + This plan will inform City decision-making but will not impact City procurement processes.
- + Participating in the conversation will not bind providers to the outcome. **This is about shared planning and coordination and increasing our collective impact.**

# Other business and close

- Future agenda items
- Next meeting - Wednesday March 3 2021