



# **An Affordable Housing Action Plan 2010-2020**

**June 2, 2009**

# How we got here

- Coun. Mammoliti initiates HOT process 2007
- HOT Consultation Framework released November, 2007
- More than 12 months of consultations follow, including: expert forums, public meetings, City-supported mini-consultations by groups representing disabled, youth, Aboriginal people and others; deputations to committee
- Some 1,800 individuals and organizations contributed
- Plan developed through a city-wide Divisional partnership

# HOT Highlights

- One in five Toronto residents require assistance to find and keep affordable and adequate homes
- By 2020, Toronto will be affected by both economic and demographic changes, including:
  - Population growth of 130,000
  - Up to 1 million new immigrants
  - 80,000 additional seniors
  - 100,000 youth entering the housing market
  - Outflow of City residents (particularly families) to 905 and beyond
- Hot proposes 67 actions in eight strategic themes across the full housing spectrum and builds on the City's existing policies, programs and partnerships

# HOT Strategic Themes

Eight strategic themes achieved through 67 actions:

HOT Strategic Themes	
Create Housing Opportunities in All Neighbourhoods	
Help Homeless and Vulnerable People Find and Keep Homes	Revitalize Neighbourhoods
Assist Families and Individuals to Afford Rents	Create New Affordable Rental Homes
Preserve and Repair Rental Housing	Help People Buy and Stay in Their Homes
Working Together	

# HOT Targets

**HOT will assist 257,700 households – 640,000 People**

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| 1) | Assist 10,700 households by increasing supportive housing             | \$ 59.3 M  |
| 2) | Help 70,000 households with high rent burdens                         | \$ 161.7 M |
| 3) | Improve 120,000 households by repairing and revitalizing rental stock | \$ 99.2 M  |
| 4) | Assist 10,000 households through creation of new rental homes         | \$ 148.0 M |
| 5) | Help 47,000 households remain or purchase their homes                 | \$15.5 M   |

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**Estimated Increased Target Investments \$ 484 Million Annually**

# Plan Consistent with National Housing Advocacy

- HOT is consistent with spending proposed in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) 2008 National Action Plan on Housing and Homelessness
- HOT targets and cost estimates were reviewed by Steve Pomeroy, author of the FCM Action Plan

# Powering HOT

- Council last week approved \$236 Million in provincial / federal investments as part of the economic stimulus package
  - \$196 million for social housing repair
  - \$40 million for new affordable rental housing

# What Others are Saying

(T)he action plan is a realistic assessment of what is achievable, the range of fixes required, and the amount of money it will take (\$484 million a year). Ontario Housing Minister Jim Watson ought to use this plan as a guide during the development of a province-wide, long-term affordable housing strategy.

**Toronto Star Editorial, May 25, 2009**

There are many people who have experienced mental illness and homelessness and who are eager to and able to contribute to housing solutions. That is why we are very encouraged by the Toronto Housing Charter for recognizing that all residents should have a safe, secure place to live.

**Heather Cunningham, The Dream Team**



# What Others are Saying

With today's plan, the city is well-placed to effectively spend the hundreds of millions in federal and provincial housing dollars that are due to start flowing shortly as part of economic stimulus plans.

## **The Wellesley Institute**

We want to congratulate the Affordable Housing Committee for the development of a comprehensive 10-year affordable housing strategy designed to meet the housing needs of Toronto residents. Eight strategic themes with associated Actions designed to assist 257,700 households is an ambitious and achievable plan that is to be commended.

**Tim Neeb, Mahogany Management**

# What Others are Saying

Overall the HOT 10-year plan is a critical step for the City to ensure that affordable housing remains available for Toronto's growing population... The HOT plan acknowledges the importance of affordable ownership housing within the continuum of housing in the City.

**Joe Deschenes Smith, Home Ownership Alternatives**

# Affordable Housing Committee Recommends Executive Committee and Council:

1. Endorse HOT as the plan to address Toronto's affordable housing challenges over the next ten years, including the 67 proposed actions
2. Support a ten-year implementation plan to be developed as part of the 2010 City Budget process
3. Forward HOT to the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing as Toronto's contribution to the provincial long- term housing strategy
4. Forward HOT to the Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, other Ontario municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, to inform local housing strategies and advocacy efforts, including influencing provincial and federal action on affordable housing.