



Date: September 11, 2017

To: Members, Affordable Housing Committee
Chair and Members, Executive Committee

Subject: **Authority for City to Take Part in Province's *Home for Good* Program – \$90 Million Allocated to Toronto**

On September 11, 2017 the Province announced that it will be providing the City of Toronto with \$90 million over three years to provide supportive housing and services for the chronically homeless and individuals with mental health needs through the new Home for Good Program.

This funding will make a real and immediate difference to provide supports and housing for some 2,000 Toronto residents, helping to break the cycle of homelessness in the emergency shelter system by keeping vulnerable residents housed.

It is crucial that these funds be activated immediately to provide much needed supports. As a result, I am asking for your support for the following recommendation:

City Council authorize the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration and the Director, Affordable Housing Office to report directly to the October 2, 2017 City Council meeting seeking authorization for the City to take part in the *Home for Good* supportive housing program and to enter into an administration agreement and/or related agreement(s) with the Ministry of Housing or any other provincial entity necessary for the receipt and expenditure of funding under the program.

This partnership with the Province supports the City's *Housing Opportunities Toronto (HOT)* ten year housing action plan and *TO Prosperity*, the City's poverty reduction strategy.

I look forward to working with members of this committee and Council to ensure that this plan sets us on the right course to achieve safe, secure, affordable and well-maintained homes for all residents.

Sincerely,

Ana Bailão
City Councillor
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Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee

Ontario Partnering with Towns and Cities to End Homelessness

More Housing, Support Services for Municipalities Across the Province

September 11, 2017 1:00 P.M.

Ontario is partnering with municipalities across the province to provide more supportive housing and other services for those in need, to reduce poverty and end chronic homelessness.

Peter Milczyn, Minister of Housing and Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy, was in Toronto today to announce that the province is investing in local, innovative approaches to get people experiencing chronic homelessness into housing and provide them with the support they need to stay there. The City of Toronto is receiving \$90 million over three years.

The partnership between the province and municipalities will help those most in need find stable housing and gain access to crucial support services, such as counselling, addictions services and life skills training, while furthering Ontario's goal of ending chronic homelessness by 2025. In Toronto, the investment is expected to assist over 1,880 households.

Ensuring everyone in Ontario has a safe and affordable place to call home is part of our plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.

QUOTES

" Our goal is to end chronic homelessness by 2025, and we'll only reach it by making smart investments in what works and leveraging lessons learned into meaningful action across the province. By supporting the innovative work of Ontario's municipalities we will end chronic homelessness, substantially reduce poverty, and deliver a brighter future for every person who calls our province home."

- Peter Milczyn

Minister of Housing and Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy

" WoodGreen's supportive housing combines safe, affordable housing with access to a full basket of critical social services, giving people the wrap-around support they require to achieve success. That type of holistic approach is what provides a sustainable path out of poverty."

- Anne Babcock

President & CEO WoodGreen Community Services

QUICK FACTS

- Chronic homelessness refers to the state of being homeless for six months or more in the past year.

- Home for Good focuses on helping people in four priority areas find stable housing, including youth, Indigenous people, the chronically homeless, and those transitioning from provincial institutions, such as jails and hospitals.
- Ontario will be announcing funding for additional municipalities in fall 2017.
- Ontario is boosting its operating funding for housing assistance and support services up to a total of \$100 million annually beginning in 2019-20, bringing the total investment up to \$200 million over three years. This will assist up to 6,000 households.
- This announcement expands on the [supportive housing program](#) announced in March 2017 and is part of the [Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy](#) update.
- Ontario's supportive housing investment includes a program in development to give Indigenous people better access to supportive housing.

LEARN MORE

- [A Place to Call Home: Report of the Expert Advisory Panel on Homelessness \[PDF\]](#)
- [Ontario's Supportive Housing Policy Framework](#)
- [Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy](#)

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