



Ontario needs real action on affordable housing



Everyone needs safe, decent and affordable housing. But hundreds of thousands of Ontarian households don't have it. One-third of Ontario tenant households are in core housing need – lacking adequate, appropriate and/or affordable housing. Women, Aboriginal people, racialized groups, immigrants, renters, lone parents and single adults are most likely to be in core housing need. **By the end of 2012, there were nearly 3,400 applicants for affordable housing in Halton Region.**

Private developers can't build new rental housing that is affordable for most low and modest income residents at the profit rate they desire. That's why we need government action.

A long-term affordable housing strategy with dedicated funds to implement it would transform the lives of Ontarians. In 2010, the provincial government launched its long-term affordable housing strategy. While it made some changes to rules surrounding social housing, the plan lacked targets, timelines and most importantly, long-term investment.

The next government needs to introduce a plan of action that addresses:

- The affordability of housing
- The availability of affordable housing
- Supports, programs and protections
- A clear way to measure progress

Ask your candidates:

- What is your party's vision for a long-term affordable housing strategy?
- What investments would your party make to implement a long-term affordable housing strategy?
- What is your party's commitment to reduce the social housing waiting list?

Resources:

Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada, *Where's Home? 2013*:

www.onpha.on.ca/onpha/Content/PolicyAndResearch/Wheres_Home/WH2013.aspx

Wellesley Institute: www.wellesleyinstitute.com

The Homeless Hub: www.homelesshub.ca

Affordable Housing Halton: www.affordablehousinghalton.ca



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