



We need provincial leadership to create new affordable housing in Ontario

Ontarians have a long wait for affordable housing in many communities across the province. **As of December 31, 2012, there were nearly 3,400 applicants for affordable housing in Halton Region.** Across the province, the waiting list has grown by 25.6% over the last 10 years. We can't go on this way.

Increasing the stock of affordable housing

The Ontario government can take steps to make a real dent in the problem:

- Adopt a comprehensive housing strategy that includes bold targets and timelines for building new affordable housing
- Take leadership to safeguard and expand the stock of affordable co-op and non-profit housing
- Create a housing benefit that would make private, rental, co-op and non-profit housing more affordable, within a plan that safeguards and expands social housing
- Pass an inclusionary housing legislation that will allow municipalities to set policies that ensure a mix of affordable housing within new private sector residential developments

Ask your candidates:

- What will your party do to create affordable housing and safeguard existing stock?
- Does your party have targets and timelines for expanding the stock of affordable housing?
- Does your party support inclusionary housing legislation?

Resources:

- Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada: www.chfcanada.coop
- Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA): www.onpha.on.ca
- Wellesley Institute: www.wellesleyinstitute.com
- **Halton Region:**
www.halton.ca/planning_sustainability/plans_strategies_studies/comprehensive_housing_strategy/



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