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Melody Watson	<p>Executive Director, The Salvation Army Peel Shelters and Housing Services (Wilkinson Road Shelter, Cawthra Road Shelter, Dundas Overflow, Country Inn Overflow, Radisson Isolation Program, Hilton Isolation/Recovery Program, REACH Program).</p> <p>Melody has 30 years' experience and background working in homelessness, addiction treatment, violence against women, transitional housing, street outreach, immigrant and refugee services, centralized intake, isolation and recovery, volunteer management, as well as a public relation. Melody's career has been based around her passion to work with the vulnerable and marginalized population.</p> <p>Melody has been a member of the CAB since December 2020.</p>
Michelle Bilek	<p>Michelle Bilek is a social activist and advocate, living in Peel Region for 47 years. She is a long-standing supporter of democracy, human rights, diversity, equity, inclusion, and protection of our environment. As an advocate against violence, homelessness, and poverty, she has been driven to challenge the status quo and make a difference in the lives of ordinary citizens. Michelle continues to work tirelessly for those that feel they do not have a voice and are marginalized in our community.</p> <p>Michelle is a person with lived experience of homelessness multiple times for multiple years, has been doing advocacy work on housing in homelessness for over 20 years, and involved in politics (working for, running as a candidate, organizing locally for a political party) for over 35 years. Michelle has been working with the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness since 2016 as a National Organizer and has been a member of the CAB since 2015.</p>
Cory O'Handley	<p>Cory O'Handley is the Director of Housing Development and Service Innovation for Services and Housing In the Province (SHIP). His work focuses on developing, managing, and implementing housing and homelessness programs and leads the organization's research and evaluation department. He has worked in the housing and homelessness sector for over 29 years, and his roots stem from all facets of this work, which includes the Non-Profit community developmental sector, hospital sector, and his work with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care as the regulatory body for supportive housing models. Cory has been a member of the CAB since 2014.</p>
Oren Newson	<p>Oren Newson is the Manager of Regional Housing and Homelessness Initiatives at United Way Greater Toronto and has served as a member of the Peel Region Community Advisory Board since November 2020. In addition to his current role which involves oversight of funding administration and design, partnership development, and policy analysis on housing and homelessness initiatives within the GTA, Oren brings experience from positions held with the Shelter, Support, and Housing Administration Division of the City of Toronto and the Housing Policy Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Housing.</p>
Christy Upshall	<p>As a dynamic leader in the non-for-profit sector with over 25 years of experience, Christy Upshall became the Chief Executive Officer at Our Place Peel in September 2003. Our Place Peel provides Shelter and Outreach Programs to homeless youth in the Region of Peel. As the CEO, Christy oversees all aspects of the organization, including the residential programs, fundraising, fiscal responsibility and providing leadership support to the management team. Christy works with a Board of Directors to ensure that the agency's goals, values, and mission are being met and lead the agency into further expansion.</p>

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Daphna Nussbaum	Daphna Nussbaum is the Project Coordinator and Analyst for the Peel Alliance to End Homelessness since June 2020. Daphna has 5 years of experience working in the homelessness sector and has worked for Ve’ahavta, a Humanitarian organization, Toronto Alliance to End Homelessness and Homes First Society. Daphna has been a member of the CAB since 2020.
Sharon Floyd	Sharon Floyd is the CEO of Embrave: Agency to End Violence (Formerly known as Interim Place) which is one of the largest Violence Against Women shelter programs in the Province of Ontario, providing shelter, counselling and advocacy supports to survivors of violence for over 40 years. Embrave Agency to End Violence is also the Lead Agency for the Peel Committee Against Woman Abuse a coalition that works to educate and promote change in all areas that survivors identify as important to their freedom from violence which Sharon Co-Chairs. As a former board member of the Ontario Association for Interval and Transition Houses and a current member of the Women’s Caucus with the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants and the Anti-Black Racism and Systemic Discrimination Committee Sharon continues to be a strong advocate and catalyst for change for those who are most marginalized in our community pushing for gender equity and racial justice in her work to end gender-based violence. Sharon has been on the Peel Community Advisory Board since 2020 and is committed to collectively creating solutions for survivors of violence to access safe, affordable housing as well as all the supports they need to live a life free from violence.