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Attention: Regional Clerk
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REASON(S) FOR DELEGATION REQUEST (SUBJECT MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED)

Peel Poverty Action Group's Peel Encampment Study Report: A PPAG member's backgrounder for context

A formal presentation will accompany my delegation ☒ Yes ☐ No

Presentation format: ☒ PowerPoint File (.ppt)

☐ Adobe File or Equivalent (.pdf)

☐ Picture File (.jpg)

☐ Video File (.avi,.mpg)

☐ Other

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Additional printed information/materials will be distributed with my delegation : ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Attached

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Catherine Soplet, Member (2009)
Member - Peel Poverty Action Group
Presentation to Peel Regional Council on March 23, 2023

The recommendations in PPAG's ENCAMPMENTS SURVEY REPORT can address ongoing homelessness concerns documented by PPAG in 2009, in

Spaces and Places: *Uncovering Homelessness* *in Peel Region*



Spaces and Places: Uncovering Homelessness in the Region of Peel



Knights Table

October 9, 2010 · 🌐

 Following



Overview

Comments

The purpose of Spaces and Places is to encourage action to obtain homes and services for people who are struggling.

Peel Poverty Action Group (PPAG) produced the video with the help of the Ontario Trillium Foundation, a videography and research team from York University, and the Social Planning Council of Peel.

Breaking News !!

March 18, 2023

AMO and partners
call for action:

End homelessness!

Dear Premier Ford,

Homelessness is a crisis in every part of Ontario. The homelessness crisis is harming people and families and communities. It is undermining the social fabric and economic prospects of our province. It imposes unnecessary costs on our health care and justice systems, and on our institutions, community agencies and government. It limits opportunity for economic participation. It reveals a lack of progress on reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. It is putting Ontario's broader prosperity at risk.

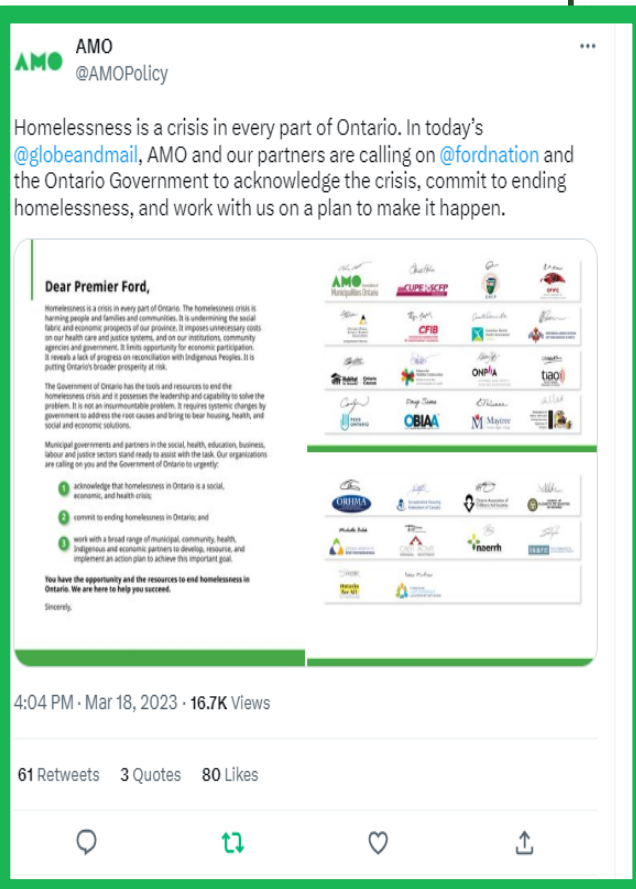
The Government of Ontario has the tools and resources to end the homelessness crisis and it possesses the leadership and capability to solve the problem. It is not an insurmountable problem. It requires systemic changes by government to address the root causes and bring to bear housing, health, and social and economic solutions.

Municipal governments and partners in the social, health, education, business, labour and justice sectors stand ready to assist with the task. Our organizations are calling on you and the Government of Ontario to urgently:

- 1 acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
- 2 commit to ending homelessness in Ontario; and
- 3 work with a broad range of municipal, community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this important goal.

You have the opportunity and the resources to end homelessness in Ontario. We are here to help you succeed.

Sincerely,



Breaking News !!

January 8, 2021



FCM @FCM_online · Jan 8, 2021

The Rapid **Housing Initiative (RHI)** shows what's possible. This federal-municipal partnership will bring supportive or deeply affordable housing to 3,000 Canadians experiencing or at risk of homelessness, fostering an inclusive recovery. fcm.ca/recovery

Did you know...

EVERY DOLLAR SPENT ON HOUSING AND SUPPORTS FOR THOSE WHO ARE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

SAVES \$2.17
in costs related to



SHELTERS & OTHER SUPPORTS



HEALTH CARE



JUSTICE SYSTEM

#AFFORDABLEHOUSING


Source: Homeless Hub

FCM


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September 17, 2021



VOTE HOUSING




VOTEZ LOGEMENT

CANADIAN MAYORS PEN LETTER TO FEDERAL PARTY LEADERS CALLING FOR URGENT ACTION ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

SEVENTEEN MAYORS, REPRESENTING OVER 13.6 MILLION PEOPLE ACROSS CANADA ENDORSE THE VOTE HOUSING CAMPAIGN

FCM 2021 federal elections ASKs are met: Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) announced.

March 17, 2023



FCM @FCM_online · Mar 17


Today's launch of the federal Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) is a sign of meaningful progress in the effort to improve housing supply, including affordable housing, in communities across the country.

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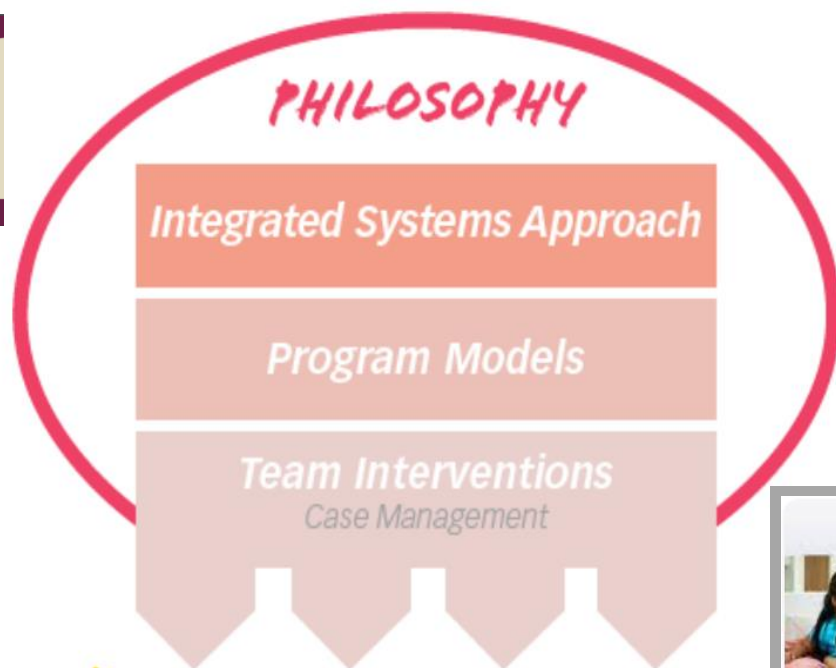
To ensure [#CDNmuni](#) of all sizes have the tools and support needed to accelerate local housing projects for their communities, we must guarantee eligibility considerations do not create barriers to the kind of transformative housing action Canada needs.

2:05 PM · Mar 17, 2023 · 192 Views

FCM wants no barriers for #CDNmunis...

PPAG says "Ask people what they need".

The Application of Housing First



Peel Region is a “Built for Zero” Community
#PeelHousingSummit April 4, 2017

Take Action NOW!

Inform PHHP with 2023 test of PPAG’s Encampments Survey Report Recommendations:

- Pilot “Pathways Model” of “Housing First”
- Address digital equity to expedite inclusion and better deliver SA Transformation
- Get both updated and new data points for 2024-2034
- Iterate localized responses
- PPAG stakeholders and encampment residents face dire and urgent need

Adaptation Advantage of Community Based Research

LDI | Issue Brief

Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics
Volume 18, Issue 5, April 2013

Janet Weiner, MPH

*LDI Associate Director for Health Policy
University of Pennsylvania*

Jasmine A. McDonald, PhD

*Postdoctoral Fellow, Cancer Epidemiology,
Columbia University*

“Active community participation in research is being recognized as essential to improving health outcomes in diverse populations.”

Community-based participatory research (CBPR):

- acknowledges community as the primary unit of identity
- enhances and builds on community’s existing strengths
- fosters collaborative relationships between academic institutions and community partners throughout the entire research process.

Key Value of CBPR:

Community stakeholders engage in all phases of CBPR.

CBPR impact:

Knowledge gained translates into a next specific action.

Key Goal of CBPR:

Enhance a community’s ability to address important health issues in development of effective intervention, which can be maintained and sustained over time.

PPAG: Social Capital Resilience

"A disaster is a chance to rebuild in new ways."

Dr. Daniel P. Aldrich. Professor and Director
Security and Resilience Studies Program
Northeastern University, Dept. of Political Science

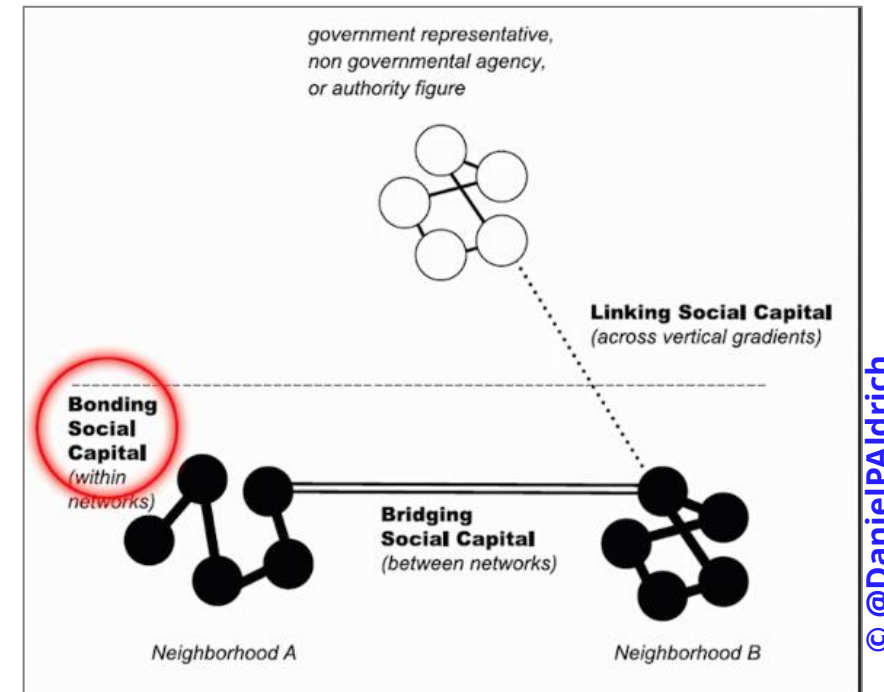


Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

As of 2018, Aldrich's team studied disaster zones to assess damage and monitor recovery, including 2005 Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans; the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami killing nearly 250,000; the 1995 Kobe earthquake and 1923 Tokyo earthquake.

To mitigate and adapt to crisis events CBPR ↔ Social Capital Resilience

"Social capital ... most quickly led to recovery, no matter how poor the community." Aldrich saw in crude disaster response camps that the strongest key to resilience is social connection."



Social Capital has three components

- **Bonding**: ties within family + friend networks
- **Bridging**: ties to networks in sports, faiths, culture, polity
- **Linking**: ties to governance structures and decision makers to predictably shape public policy, budgets and economy.

March 2020: PPAG a collaborator in COVID-19 Community Response Table (Bond + Bridge + Link = Social Capital)

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Community Response Table

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10: A GUIDE FOR A COMMUNITY-BASED COVID-19 RECOVERY

4 MORE THAN 100 PARTNERS COLLABORATING FOR SYSTEMS CHANGE PEEL, ON

To ensure that the needs of vulnerable residents are met, the Region of Peel is partnering with community agencies to connect residents to resources, services, and support during the COVID-19 pandemic. With more than 160 partners, the [Community Response Table \(CRT\)](#) helps local agencies support vulnerable and at-risk populations in identifying and responding to emerging needs, and supporting collaboration, coordination, information sharing and

problem solving among Peel Region's not-for-profit and community sectors.

The virtual CRT includes employees from the Region of Peel and municipal partners from Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga. Participants also include not-for-profits, health, social service and systems organizations such as school boards and health agencies.



This photo showcases a gathering of Peel's Regional Community Response Table

SECTION 3: 10 INSPIRING STORIES

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As part of this regional response, a community-wide agency [survey](#) was conducted to assess the impacts of the pandemic in the Region of Peel. The survey findings identified several themes, needs, and lessons learned. The most notable findings include: enhanced collaboration among new and existing partners; opportunities to pilot innovative strategies; and the need to be flexible and creative when responding to community needs.

Just ahead of the crisis unfolding, the [Peel Poverty Reduction Committee \(PPRC\)](#), which is co-chaired by the Region of Peel and United Way Greater Toronto, established a new governance structure consisting of seven action tables for its 2018-2028 Peel Poverty Reduction Strategy. Perspectives from the PPRC's Lived Experience Roundtable on the impacts of COVID-19 on residents experiencing poverty have also been shared with the CRT and have played a critical role in recovery planning.

The Region of Peel's CRT demonstrates the convening power of the community and an understanding that there is strength in a collective. Collaboration has proven to be an efficient and effective way of dealing with the crisis in the short-term. By leveraging connections, increasing awareness of issues, and advocating for improvement and systemic change, CRT members look long-term, beyond the immediate COVID-19 pandemic to the hoped-for outcomes of reduced poverty and a just future for all.

LEARN MORE

- Find out more about the Region of Peel COVID-19 [Community Response Table](#)
- See the [survey findings](#) showing key themes, needs, and lessons learned
- Learn more about the Peel Poverty Reduction Committee and the [2018-2028 Peel Poverty Reduction Strategy](#)
- Learn about [Five Steps For Building Strong and Sustainable Groups](#) to work together to make change in your community.



Region of Peel working with you COVID-19 Response in Peel

		Caledon	Brampton	Mississauga	
Multi-Service Organization	The Journey Neighbourhood Centre		X		kevin.b@thejourney.ca steve.a@thejourneyemail.ca
Multicultural Organizations	The Vietnamese Community Centre of Mississauga			X	vccmis01@rogers.com
Poverty Support/Advocacy	Tough Times Tabloid and Peel Poverty Action Group	X	X	X	edna.toth@gmail.com
Food Supports	Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)	X	X	X	nancy.mcgee@trca.ca

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Nothing about Us, Without Us, Is for Us



Community Response Table

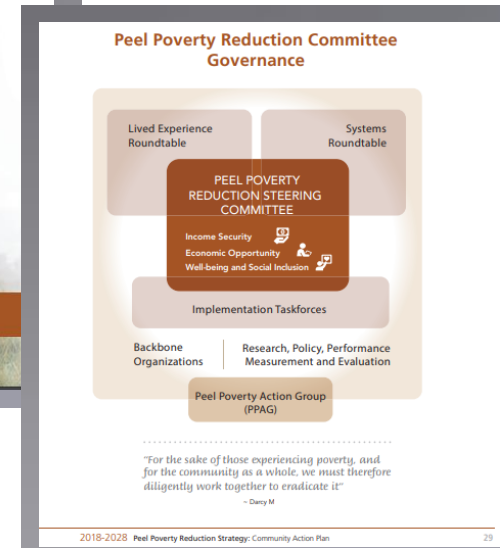
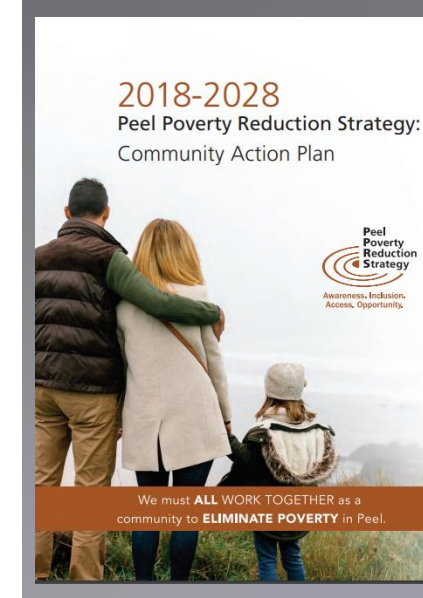
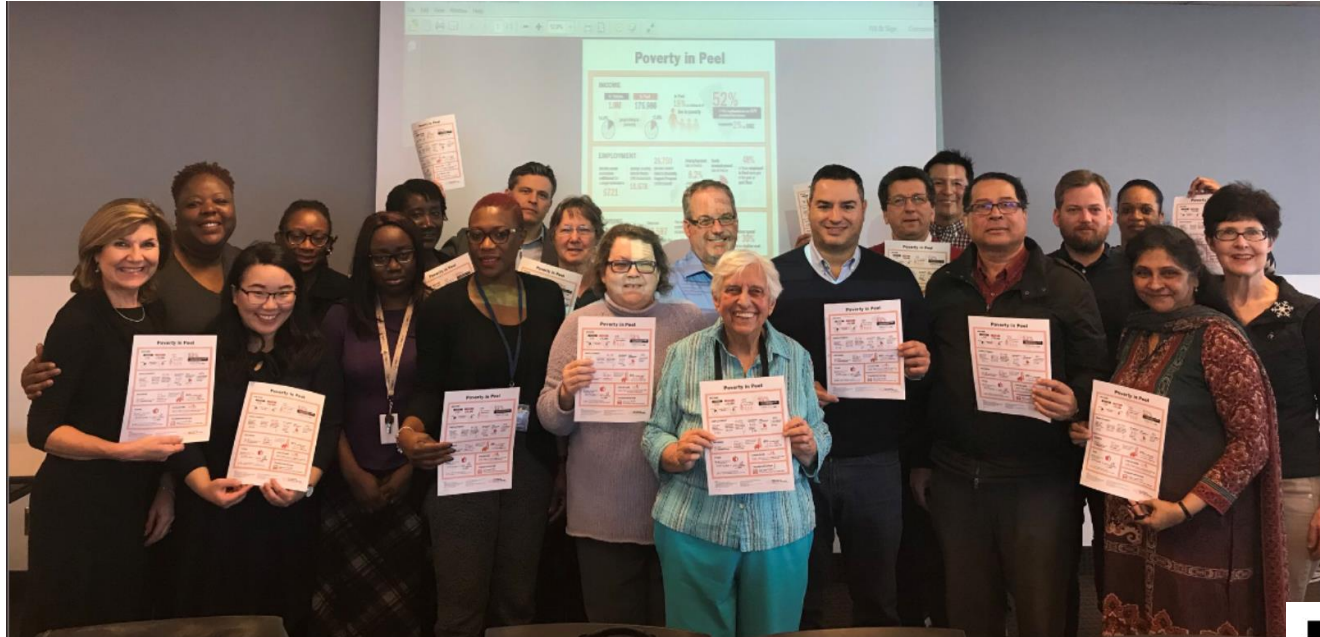
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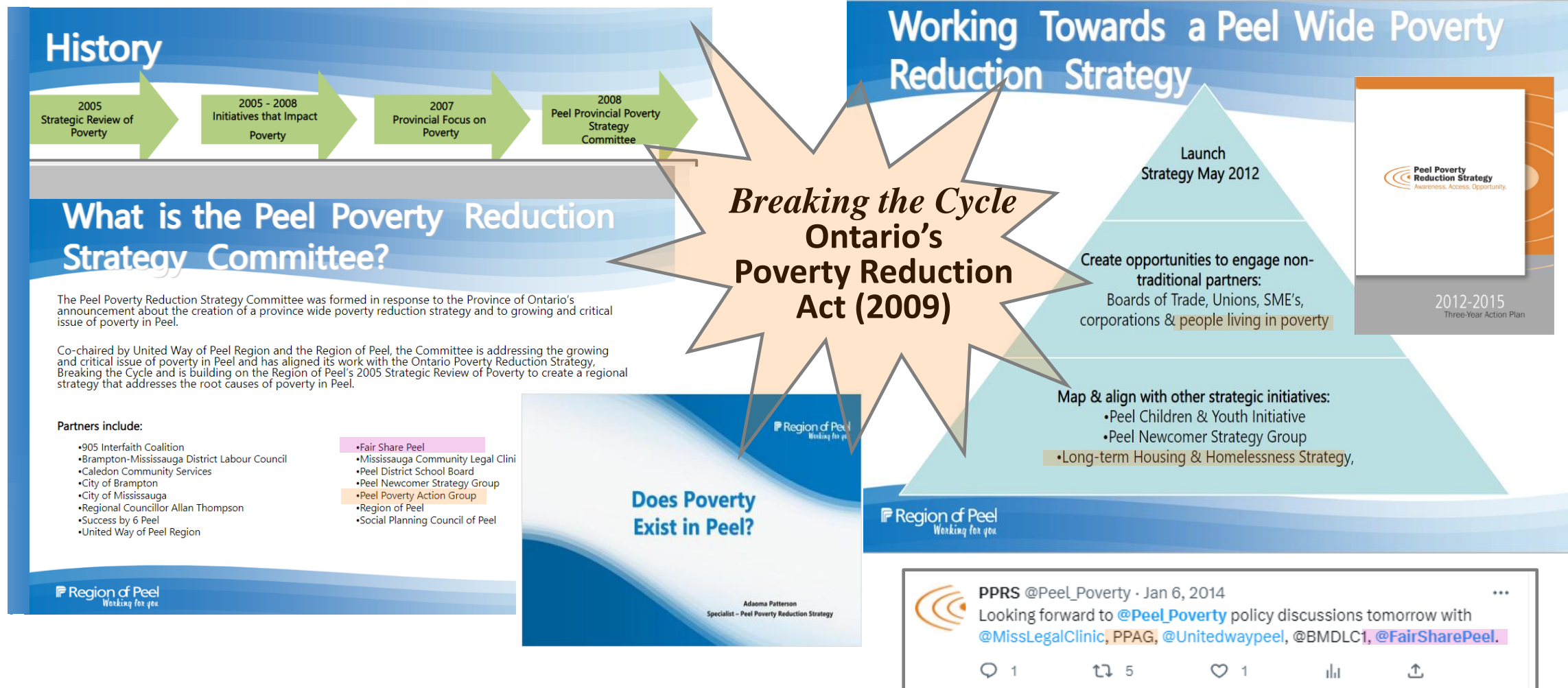




April 2018: Peel Poverty Reduction Strategy Committee completes its 2018-2028 Poverty Reduction Strategy Report.

Peel Region data infographic from the PRS report is published in Tough Times Tabloid ahead of June 2018 provincial election.







PPRS @Peel_Poverty · Oct 17, 2018

Kudos to our partners @Knights_Table, Peel Poverty Action Group and Tough Times for hosting this important all candidates meeting focused on poverty reduction, food security, housing, education in #Brampton.
#collectiveimpact #votesmatter



About PPAG Community and Members

Peel Poverty Action Group (PPAG) is open, safe, inclusive, empowering for advocacy and action. Membership is free.

PPAG provides a safe place where people who are cash-poor and those who try to help them are encouraged to speak out. Its publication Tough Times is also a safe place.

PPAG tests policy with groundtruthing of narratives and demands truthful evidence for policy implementation.

Politics is about who plays; who pays; and who says.

PPAG's key Priority:

All residents in Peel have housing that is safe and liveable, affordable, and inclusive for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

2016 PiT (Point in Time) Counts



To coincide with National Housing Day on November 22, 2016 Peel Alliance to End Homelessness (PAEH) coordinated its first Registry Week to enumerate homelessness experience in Peel. PAEH joined a national call to create 20,000 Homes by 2018.

Benchmarks were established for demographics, health status, service use and living situations for Peel Region participants.

Peel Alliance to End Homelessness

- Chaired by the United Way of Peel Region
- PAEH members are:
 - St. Leonard's Place Peel
 - Salvation Army Peel Shelter & Housing Services
 - Peel Poverty Reduction Strategy
 - Peel Homelessness Partnering Strategy
 - Supportive Housing in Peel
 - Caledon Community Services
 - Peel Poverty Action Group
 - Peel Outreach Team (CMHA Peel)



In 2016 the needs assessment of Peel Region's homelessness system indicated:

- limited supportive housing or transitional housing
- a lack of upfront diversion
- shelters operating at capacity, and
- a need to prioritize care for subpopulations such as victims of family violence and youth.

The scale and impact of homelessness in Peel Region was not clearly defined.

AODA units N/A => Unhousing

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A night out on the town

WHERE A BAR IS THE SAFEST PLACE

It's the morning of July 4, and Tough Times is keeping telephone contact with a woman who is homeless.

Brenda Murdoch uses a walker so she can move around despite crippling arthritis which she has had since childhood – so early in her life, in fact, that the disease has interfered with her growth. Brenda is hanging out at a bar because, believe it or not, that is a safe place for a disabled woman alone.

Tough Times emails Peel Region just before noon, reporting that the lady is homeless and needs help.

However, we couldn't pass on her phone number until 6.13 p.m. and emailed the address of the bar at the same time, plus Brenda's report that she has not been able to lie down for 28 hours.

The Region alerted its Outreach Team which it says will locate Brenda and "provide the immediate necessary supports."

According to Peel Region's website:

"The Peel Outreach team is a responsive, mobile, multi-disciplinary team of professionals who work together with individuals who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. We empower through short-term support, advocacy and referrals and meet people where they are at..."



Crippled by arthritis since childhood, BRENDA MURDOCH uses a walker rather than a wheelchair. (Tough Times photo)

The team includes workers with training in mental health, caseworkers with Ontario Works, housing support staff. The website says the team can help with housing, emergency shelter, and more.

Brenda says the Outreach Team phoned to tell her they couldn't help her, even though she had nowhere to spend the night.

Tough Times stayed in touch with Brenda and with Peel Region and with others for the rest of the day.

It was 10.30 at night when Brenda told Tough Times that the Cawthra shelter in Mississauga was sending a taxi to another bar she was using as a sanctuary, and would take her to the shelter.

At 10 a.m. next day, Brenda texts Tough Times: "At Cawthra shelter, trying to catch up on my sleep and get my bones to stop aching."

Credit where credit is due: Brenda's homelessness on July 4 was resolved by Kathryn Gibb of the Salvation Army. She arranged for the Cawthra shelter to send the cab. Tough Times provided Brenda's phone number and whereabouts.

End of story.

Or this particular part of it.

Brenda still does not have permanent housing. She needs an "accessible" place – no steps to enter, wide doorways because she can't move around without her walker, and shower with a seat and grab bars, so she won't fall.

How many "accessible" places are available to people in Peel who live on Ontario Works or on Ontario Disability Support Program or some other form of low or no income.

There's the one accessible that Brenda now inhabits at the Cawthra shelter; two accessible at Peel's shelter for men in Brampton, and one or more at Peel's family shelter in Mississauga.

There may be more.

Brenda notes: "A lot more will be needed with an aging population."

Just for the record, here are some snippets from other emails and conversations from July 4 and since:

July 4:

2.37 p.m. Brenda: "Nowhere to go none of my meagre possessions."

6.13 p.m.: Brenda tells Tough Times that the police dropped her off at Days Inn, but she couldn't stay there. She had cash, but Days Inn insists on a credit card which she does not have. (Many hotels have similar rules.)

7.53 p.m. Brenda: "Unforgivable that no one will help me."

Tuesday, July 11

2.05 p.m.: "I spoke with (a helping agency) and I've hit yet another brick wall. They said there was no point in even completing an application because I don't have addiction or mental problems. And I asked as I have so many many times: Where is the help for physically disabled people? And as always there is no help."

Peel Poverty Action Group (PPAG) has invited Brenda to its next meeting Thursday, 14 September, 2017, 9.30 a.m. in Brampton, place to be confirmed. This is a public meeting. People with disabilities are especially invited.

PiT Count Impact in 2017: Informs trACTION for unHoused

Mississauga.com

Finding innovative solutions to homelessness at the Mississauga library "Open Window Hub" November 30, 2018



Year 1
500+
people
aided

- Internet
- SA referral
- Socks
- Sleep Mats
- Community Engagement
- Donations

2017: Federal \$\$s Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) matched for September Launch
2018 => "Everyone Counts Peel" PiT commitment
2019: \$390k/ 3 years donated to Mississauga Library for Open Window Hub from P & L Odette Charitable Foundation

Everyone Counts Peel

2018 Joint Point-in-Time Count
and Registry Week Results



Report by:
Region of Peel and
Peel Alliance to End Homelessness
March 2019



Everyone Counts Peel Initiative

In April 2018, the first event of a coordinated ongoing bi-annual PiT Count plan was jointly funded by Canada's Homelessness Partnering Strategy and Ontario's Ministry of Housing.

2016 PiT feedback led to training: 100+ volunteers recruited from homelessness sector agencies improved survey completion rates.

Overall, 922 people were found to be experiencing homelessness in Peel Region on PiT Count night April 24, 2018:

- 338 individuals completed the PiT Count survey
- 584 individuals were tallied from observed homelessness plus occupant data in emergency shelters and transitional housing.

20,000 Homes Campaign Registry Week held April 24-26

The PiT Count was concurrent with PAEH second enumeration.

- 204 VI-SPDAT client surveys were completed.

The Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool assesses acuity of need, to triage their case referral to Peel Region's By-Name List for housing supports.

<https://www.homelesshub.ca/sites/default/files/attachments/Final Report.pdf>

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