

Summary of Current and Future Actions to Reduce Homelessness in Peel

| Action | Problem the Action Helps to Address | | | | | PHHP Pillar | Status | Time to Impact | Budget implication | |
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| | Prevents homelessness | Protects those from unsafe, outdoor conditions | Reduces encampments | Reduces pressure on shelter system | Creates permanent housing | | | | | |
| Current Actions | i) Enhance Peel's outreach program | | ✓ | ✓ | | | 1. Transform Service | In progress | Short term | proposed 2024 Housing Support budget request |
| | ii) Maintain do not turn away policy at shelters | | ✓ | ✓ | | | 1. Transform Service | In progress | Short-term | Sufficient funds in 2024 budget for hotel overflow program, apart from current numbers of asylum seekers. Should federal government not fund asylum-claimant response. Significant budget deficit will occur. |
| | iii) Increase the number of shelter beds | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | 2. Build more commun housing | In progress | Medium term | 3 projects fully funded and underway. Recommended additional projects require more capital and operational funding. |
| | iv) Improve community and business relations | | | | | | 1. Transform service | In progress | Short term | Part of Placed-Based outreach 2024 Housing Support budget request |
| | v) Increase subsidies | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 1. Transform service | In progress | Short term | Funding for additional subsidies in 2024 Housing Support Budget request |
| | vi) Improve access to health and other supports for those experiencing homelessness | | ✓ | | | | 1. Transform service | In progress | Medium Term | Regional and provincial homelessness funding is used to operate current interim health supports at Dundas St. shelter. The long-term, sustainable program should be funded by Ontario Health |

Appendix III – Homelessness Policy and Programs

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| | | | | | | | | | | and advocacy continues. 2024 Housing Supports budget includes funding for non-health supports. |
| | vii) Improve case management | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 1. Transform service | In progress | Medium term | Proposed 2024 Housing Support Budget request includes additional staffing ask |
| | viii) Build more community and supportive housing | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 2. Build more community housing, and 5. Increase supportive housing | In progress | Medium / Long term | 7 projects fully funded. 2024 Housing Supports capital budget includes additional funding to build more. Region also participates federal government Rapid Housing Initiative. |
| | xi) Secure temporary space for asylum claimants outside of the shelter system | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | 1. Transform service | In progress | Medium term | Existing budget can fund some expansion. Immediately. Additional investment is required to operate at scale that would meet need. |
| Planned Actions | i) Expand Drop-In/Homelessness respite programs | | ✓ | | ✓ | | 1. Transform Service | In progress | Short term | Regionally funded – proposed 2024 Housing Support Budget request |
| | ii) Create encampment policy and protocols | | ✓ | | | | 1. Transform service | In planning | Long term | May result in need for additional operating funds. |
| | iii) Enhance homelessness prevention with a focus on families and youth | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 1. Transform Service | In planning | Long term | May require a future Housing Support budget ask |
| | iv) Remove more barriers to shelter use | | ✓ | ✓ | | | 1. Transform Service | In planning | Long term | Will require a future Housing Support budget ask |
| | v) Increase shelter beds | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | 2. Build more community housing | In planning | Long term | Will require a future Housing Support capital and operating budget ask |

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| | vi) Co-design and advocate for a more appropriate and sustainable emergency response program for asylum claimants | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | 1. Transform Service | In planning | Long term | Should be funded through federal immigration system. Advocacy required. |
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