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DATE SUBMITTED YYYY/MM/DD 2023/12/04			
NAME OF INDIVIDUAL(S) MARGARET RAMSAY Darwin Kealey		John Nyholt JAMES Taptelis	
POSITION(S)/TITLE(S) Advocacy co-chair MEMBER		Board chair, The Compass Food Bank MEMBER	
NAME OF ORGANIZATION(S) The Compass Food Bank			
E-MAIL [REDACTED]		TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]	EXTENSION
INDIVIDUAL(S) OR ORGANIZATION(S) ADDRESS [REDACTED]			
REASON(S) FOR DELEGATION REQUEST (SUBJECT MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED) The demand severity and urgency of the problem of homelessness as we enter winter months We would like to stress the need for action now.			
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The Compass

Help for Today and Hope for Tomorrow



Background: Feed Ontario Report 2023

- Food Insecurity and Housing Insecurity are interconnected issues
- Food Banks are often the last stop before unhoused
- Hunger cannot be normalized

<https://feedontario.ca/research/hunger-report-2023/>



The Compass - what we have learned

- 70 people identify as No Fixed Address (NFA)
- Clients have become unhoused due to rental increases
- The Compass Community room has become a daytime respite centre for NFA clients

- The Agape Shelter can host 30 NFA individuals nightly
- Shelter spaces across the city are full



Role of Food Banks

- The Role of Food Banks in protecting against homelessness
- McMaster University and Hamilton Food Share study:
 - 46% of respondents claimed that they would be at risk of losing their house if not for the food they received from the food bank



Organizational Capacity

- Community Organizations such as The Compass Food Bank and Outreach Centre, Agape Place Peel, Clarkson Community Church support and operate *In From The Cold* respite centres
- Lack the capacity to meet the high demand



Legal Protections

- Strengthen laws to protect Tenants
- High concentration of food bank visitors living in market-rental housing (74%).

Recommended Actions

- Applying Rent Control to units built after 2018;
- Addressing Vacancy Decontrol;
- Protecting and retaining rent control on all affordable units delivered through the NHS in perpetuity



What's Needed

- Action Today
- Explore public spaces as alternative solutions for unhoused people
- We do not want shelters to turn people away



In Summary...

Thank You For Listening

