



HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

GUELPH & WELLINGTON TASK FORCE FOR POVERTY ELIMINATION / 2019

1.4%



is the vacancy rate in Guelph (3% is considered a healthy vacancy rate)

41%

percent of tenant households spend 30% or more of household income on shelter.

5,985



is the number of households in Guelph that are in core housing need, meaning their dwelling is considered inadequate, unsuitable, or unaffordable.

147



number of individuals experiencing homelessness in Guelph-Wellington in September 2019 on the By-Name List.

235,000



estimated number of individuals who will experience homelessness in Canada this year.

\$7 billion



estimated cost of 235,000 people experience homelessness in Canada this year.

Address the housing & homelessness crisis by:



SOLUTION

- ✓ Committing to maintain federal leadership and investment to address access to housing
- ✓ Committing to the elimination of homelessness in Canada
- ✓ Increasing and protecting the supply of community housing and supportive housing
- ✓ Developing and adequately funding a distinct urban, rural, and northern Indigenous Housing Strategy
- ✓ Investing in housing supports and services for those experiencing or at-risk of homelessness
- ✓ Supporting and recognizing housing as a human right

Learn more: Joint letter to the parties: caeh.ca/wp-content/uploads/Joint-letter-to-the-parties.pdf

LEARN MORE

Read about the work our community is doing to end homelessness through Built for Zero. Learn how Guelph-Wellington reduced chronic homelessness by 24% in only 7 months: caeh.ca/bright-spot-guelph-wellington/

Review the Guelph- Wellington 2018 Point-in-Time Count report:

www.gwpoverity.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Everyone-Counts-2018-Point-in-Time-Count.pdf

Understand how our community compares to others when it comes to rental affordability: www.policyalternatives.ca/rentalwages

TAKE ACTION

Ask a candidate:

How will you and your party address the housing crisis, so that everyone has a place to call home?

Will your party support increased and targeted capital investments in affordable and supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness?

Send a letter or email to elected officials and candidates. See example letter here: caeh.ca/wp-content/uploads/Joint-letter-to-the-parties.pdf

