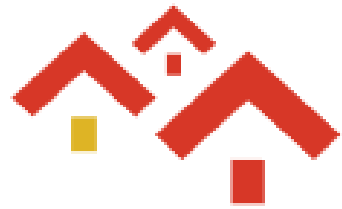




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**RECOVERY
FOR ALL**



The Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness is a national movement of individuals, organizations and communities working together to end homelessness in Canada.

<https://www.recoveryforall.ca/about>

What is Recovery for All?

- Recovery for All is a national advocacy campaign designed by the [Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness](#), asking Canadians to encourage the federal government to make bold investments in housing, homelessness and income support to end homelessness in Canada, once and for all.
- With the right investments on the heels of COVID-19, we can create jobs, and kick start our economy, and begin to end homelessness all at the same time.
- Campaign aimed to get over 10,000 Canadians to join the movement to help make this happen. As at August 2020 over 16,500 supporters signed up and sent an astonishing 225,000 letters to Parliamentarians.

The Recovery for All Plan: Affordable, Achievable, Popular

- The campaign has made the case for ending homelessness. Put forward an affordable and achievable plan. Canadians overwhelmingly support it.
 - A [six-point plan](#) laying out an achievable path to ending homelessness while supporting economic recovery.
 - A [report](#) independently commissioned, costing out the plan, showing it is not only affordable, but would save billions.
 - A [national research poll with Nanos Research](#) that shows over 70% of Canadians want urgent action to end homelessness and 84% support building affordable housing as economic stimulus.

Dufferin Supports Recovery for All

- County Council publicly endorses the campaign on June 25, 2020.
- By endorsing the campaign you and/or your organization are demonstrating broad-based, grassroots support for an ambitious national effort to end homelessness in Canada.
- Dufferin was part of the national 20,000 Homes Campaign.
- Dufferin continues to be part of the national Built for Zero Campaign.

Reality Check

- There will always be emergencies, and thus a need for emergency shelters.
- We all have occasion to visit the emergency ward at the hospital – but no one ever remains in that emergency ward beyond the period of emergency treatment – so why through the lack of housing options do we plan and force individuals to “live” in an emergency shelter for months and years?

COVID Presents an Opportunity

- The COVID-19 pandemic has provided a wake-up call and broad awareness that not all Canadians have a home to go home to and to stay safe in.
- We are preparing now. A future pandemic, or an additional COVID-19 wave, is inevitable.
- Emergency preparedness planning must therefore emphasize minimizing the necessity to empty shelters and to use temporary accommodations in order to slow and stop the community spread of infectious disease.

How - Dufferin Can Do It !!!

- Dufferin County implemented a By Name List (BNL) on May 1, 2019 as a tool to identify our most vulnerable community members who were experiencing homelessness, and connect them to services to support them to find and maintain housing.
- Chronic homelessness is when an individual has experienced homelessness for at least 180 days in the past 6 months and/or at least 546 cumulative days in the last 3 years. Homelessness can be experienced while residing in a shelter, couch surfing or living rough.
- Through the Coordinated Access program, all types of homelessness are addressed and all individuals on the BNL are given support. The type, or intensity of support is determined by the definition the individual falls under. (Weekly Coordinated Access Table (CAT) for service providers.)

Proof - Dufferin Can Do It !!!

- Homeless Enumeration October 2016 – 78 people

<https://www.dufferincounty.ca/sites/default/files/housing/20000-Homes-Results-Report-2016.pdf>

- Homeless Enumeration May 2018 – 44 people

<https://www.dufferincounty.ca/sites/default/files/housing/20000-Homes-Results-Report-2018.pdf>

- Next Count Possibly Spring 2021 – as at August 2020 – approx. 18 people.

Caveat – Numbers are a snapshot in time. Numbers can go up and down.

Questions ?

**Let's End
Homelessness
Once and For All**

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