

Item 7.1, E&CS Meeting March 9, 2015

20,000 Homes Campaign

Housing Services Division



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20,000 Homes

- National movement of communities working together to permanently house 20,000 of Canada's most vulnerable homeless people by July 1, 2018.
- Inspired by the successful 100,000 Homes Campaign in the United States.
- The Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH) is leading the 20,000 Homes Campaign.



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We Can End Homelessness.mp4

Why Participate?

- To build public support for ending homelessness
- To build political support for renewed federal and provincial investment in housing and support services.
- To plan and prioritize appropriate responses for chronically homeless individuals
- The Federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) will be requiring communities to conduct a Point in Time Count



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How it works

- Registry week
- Maximizing existing resources
- Use data to track progress and build a coordinated system
- Learn from other communities across Canada



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Registry Week Approach

- **April 26-29, 2015**
- Hamilton will be one of the first communities in Canada to pilot the registry week
- Volunteers conduct surveys which will help us know every homeless person by name and assess their needs
- Canvas shelters, time-limited residences, drop ins, meal programs and the streets



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Next Steps

- Registry week results shared on **April 30, 2015**
- Data will help us plan and prioritize appropriate responses to end homelessness in our community
- Ensure that housing first programs are supporting the right people
- Work with other communities across Canada to align with current and emerging practices



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