



OVERVIEW OF HOUSING SERVICES 2023 REPORTS AND BUDGET ASKS 2024 (HSC23058) (CITY WIDE)

General Issues Committee

August 14, 2023

Our Context: Hamilton's Housing Crisis



69% ↑

As of June 2023, 1723 individuals were known to have connected with the homeless-serving system in the three months prior, a 69% Increase in people experiencing homelessness between June 2020 and June 2023



16k ↓

Net loss of 16,000 naturally occurring affordable housing units over the last 10 years



Incomes not keeping pace with rising costs of living

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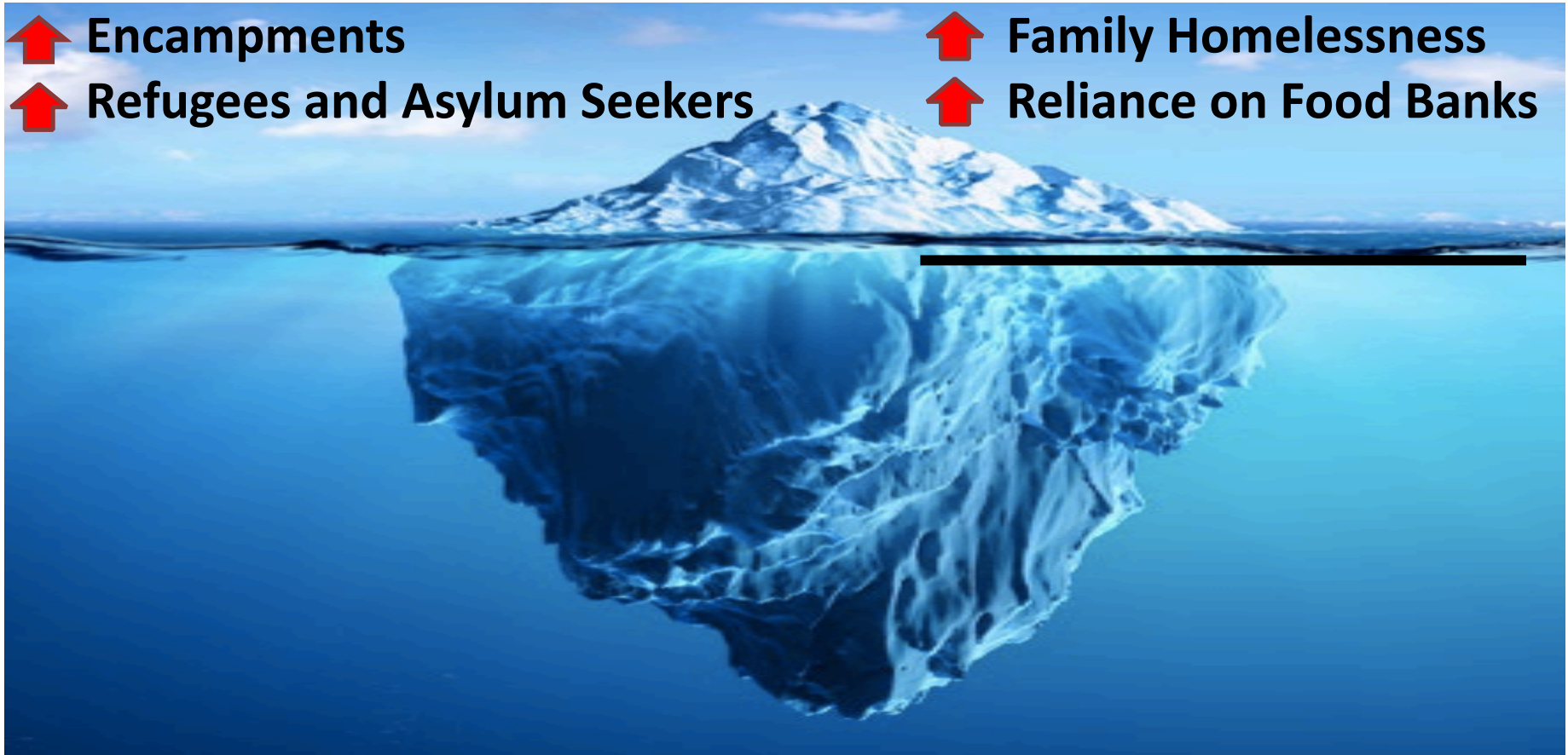
What We See:

↑ Encampments

↑ Refugees and Asylum Seekers

↑ Family Homelessness

↑ Reliance on Food Banks



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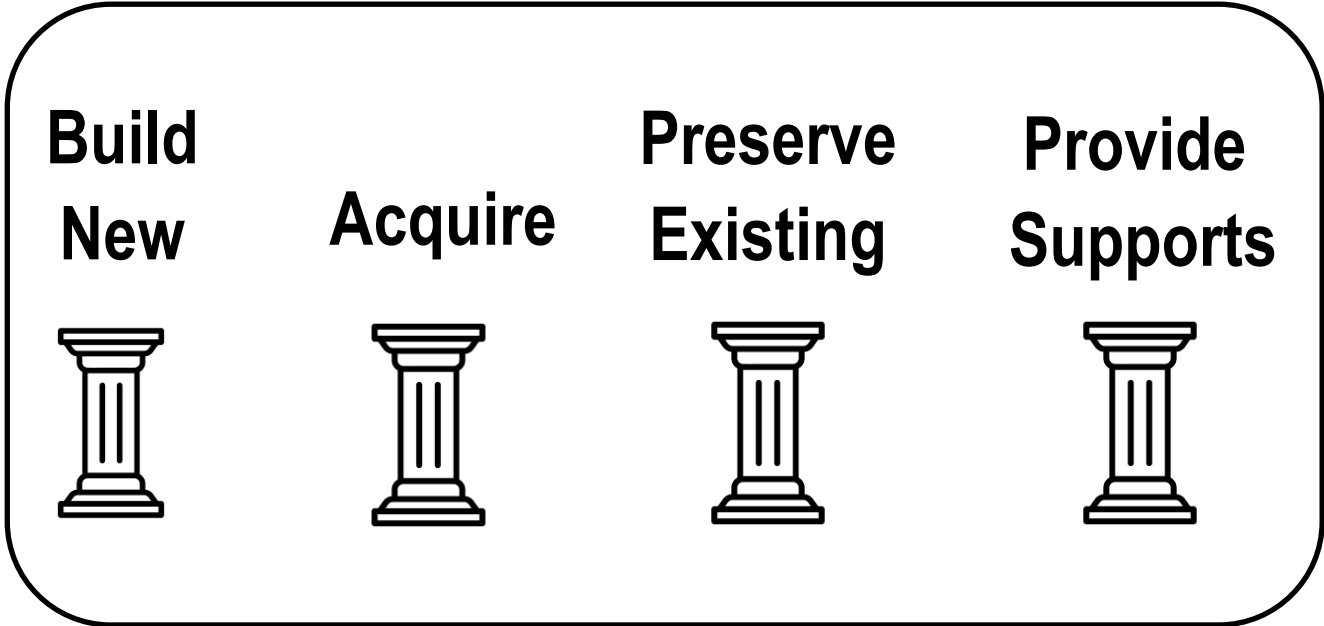
- High Interest Rates
- Inflation
- Incomes not keeping pace with Rental costs
- Frozen Social Assistance Rates
- Struggle to pay rent/mortgage/utilities
- Inability to move from rental to home ownership
- Downloading costs to municipal govt

Our Response: Addressing all Four Pillars and Continued Emergency Response

Housing Roadmap



**Housing &
Homelessness
Emergency
Response**



Municipal Investment to Meet Housing Needs

- In 2023, there was a 70% increase in the Housing Services Division's budget over 2022.
- An additional 22M was approved in 2023, to be funded by reserves this year
- For 2024,
 - \$5M additional required to maintain current services as a result of inflation
 - Development charges of \$6.7M and up to \$6M for Rapid Housing Initiative Cost overruns

Addressing the Four Pillars and Emergency Response

- Reports coming forward from the Ending Chronic Homelessness (March 2023) and Housing Sustainability Investment Roadmap (April 2023) recommend significant additional investments
- It will not be feasible to fund all recommendations
- Key In-year Asks; Remainder Referred to 2024 Budget process – Housing Specific Budget Day
- Provincial/Federal government partnerships Critical

In-Year Asks

Meeting Date	Report
August 14 (GIC)	Encampment Protocol Public Engagement and Sanctioned Encampments
	Addressing the Needs of Unsheltered Individuals and Those Accessing Emergency Shelters
August 17 (ECS)	Tenant Support Program
September 7 (ECS)	Winter Homelessness Response

2024 Budget Referral:

Meeting Date	Report
August 17	Ending Renovictions and the Tenant Support Program
September 7	Supporting Social Housing Providers to Maintain Affordable Housing Units at the End of Mortgage Agreements
September 21	Emergency Shelter Standards Review and Continuous Quality Improvement
	Stability of City Housing Hamilton Operations
October 19	Housing Services Division and Secretariat Resources
	Sustainable Housing Through Rental Subsidies Arrears Supports



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