



We need provincial leadership to create new affordable housing in Ontario

Ontarians have a long wait for affordable housing in many communities across the province. There are 1,429 social housing units in Oxford County. Over 1,200 Oxford households are on the waiting list for rent geared to income housing. Across the province, the waiting list has grown by 25.6% over the last 10 years. We can't go on this way.

Increasing the stock of affordable housing

The Ontario government can take steps to make a real dent in the problem:

- Adopt a comprehensive housing strategy that includes bold targets and timelines for building new affordable housing
- Take leadership to safeguard and expand the stock of affordable co-op and non-profit housing
- Create a housing benefit that would make private, rental, co-op and non-profit housing more affordable, within a plan that safeguards and expands social housing
- Pass an inclusionary housing legislation that will allow municipalities to set policies that ensure a mix of affordable housing within new private sector residential developments

Ask your candidates:

- What will your party do to create affordable housing and safeguard existing stock?
- Does your party have targets and timelines for expanding the stock of affordable housing?
- Does your party support inclusionary housing legislation?

Resources:

- Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada: www.chfcanada.coop
- Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA): www.onpha.on.ca
- Wellesley Institute: www.wellesleyinstitute.com

