

Making Hamilton the Best Place to Raise a Child

Affordable Housing Flagship

Early Successes

The Affordable Housing Flagship has been working on affordable housing issues in Hamilton for almost three years. It represents a new and innovative set of partnerships in the community - business, government, social service agencies, housing providers, architects and community volunteers - all coming together to develop strategies to increase affordable housing options for Hamilton.

One of the primary strengths of the Affordable Housing Flagship is that while it draws on considerable expertise and staff resources from the City of Hamilton, it functions as an independent body from the City. It ensures linkages with other community committees through deliberate cross-membership. There are between four and five Flagship members on each of the following committees: The Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction; the Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee; the Hamilton Civic Coalition; and the Housing Sub-Group of the Hamilton Addictions and Mental Health Network. The result of this cross membership is a well informed committee effort that is strongly linked to a broad base of stakeholders.

Poverty Reduction Strategy

The costs of housing (rent, mortgage and utilities) make up the largest components of a household's budget. There are many low-income families in Hamilton that are living in unaffordable accommodation. When a family is spending more than 30 per cent of their income on housing, there are other needs that go unmet and their ability to build assets is extremely limited.

The Affordable Housing Flagship is working in three areas to address the shortage of affordable housing:

- Housing Supply.
- Policy and Advocacy.
- Community Development.



Community Partners

Scotiabank
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
City of Hamilton
Community Volunteers
Good Shepherd Centres
Hamilton Civic Coalition
Hamilton Community Foundation
Hamilton Rotary Club
Housing Help Centre
LIUNA
Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing
Remax/Delmar Real Estate
Social Planning and Research Council
Threshold School of Building
Turkstra Lumber
United Way of Burlington & Greater Hamilton
/District Labour Council
Wesley Community Homes
Wesley Urban Ministries



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