



## **Wellington-Guelph Health and Housing Community Planning Table Key Messages**

**The following are the Key Messages from the Wellington-Guelph Health and Housing Community (HHC) Planning Table meeting that was held on March 25, 2025. Please share these key messages broadly with interested partners and stakeholders.**

1. The Lived Experience Advisory Group (LEAG) and Planning Table have formalized their process of engagement, in the interest of transparency and shared responsibility. Since February, members from the LEAG have regularly been attending Planning Table meetings and members of the Planning Table have been invited to attend Advisory Group Meetings to share information. At the March meeting, a member of the LEAG shared the group's input for daytime programming/services. The group is working collaboratively with members of the Planning Table to finalize a vision statement in early April, which will guide the Health and Housing Community Plan.
2. The Planning Table has revised and updated their Terms of Reference to better define governance and accountability structures. It was decided that the Planning Table is self-governed and will be accountable to the community. The Terms of Reference will be updated annually, as the work of this Table progresses.
3. The Guelph Community Health Centre is awaiting confirmation of funding for the 'Guelph Wellington HART Hub'. A funding letter has yet to be received, but the Ministry has expressed that funding should be coming imminently.
4. The Table decided to invite East Wellington Community Services and the Community Resource Centre to join the Wellington-Guelph Health and Housing Community Planning Table.
5. The Table focused on long-term planning discussions. It was reiterated that this is a Community Planning Table, with a focus on developing and implementing a community plan, as informed by the Health and Housing Symposiums. The Table agreed that the Community Plan will be designed to be responsive to the needs in our community, following a community planning process. While the Community Plan will align with other strategic plans and directives, it will notably be different than a strategic plan. As a result, the Table adopted the "Homelessness Prevention Framework" by Canadian Observatory on Homelessness to action their work. To identify and implement solutions to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness and precarious health and housing in Wellington Guelph, we need to focus in the following areas: health and housing prevention, health and housing emergency response, and health and housing supports.

### **Other Messages/Reminders**

- The second Community Partner Webinar was held on February 4, 2025. The webinar included an update on the work and achievements of the Wellington-Guelph Health & Housing Community Planning Table, and the recording can be viewed [here](#). The next Community Partner Webinar will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:30pm over Zoom. [Registration](#) is required.