



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 July 22, 2025. Please share these key messages broadly with interested partners and stakeholders.

1. The Lived Experience Advisory Group (LEAG) continues to play a vital role in the development of a Health and Housing Community Plan. The LEAG brought forward recommendations to the Planning Table on how the two groups can better work together and what is needed to support people to take meaningful steps towards permanent housing. The group will be meeting three more times this year, with meetings scheduled for August, October and December.
2. The Guelph Community Health Centre is looking to transition drug checking, needle exchange, harm reduction and naloxone distribution services to a mobile service. Interested parties are requested to complete a survey about the [Mobile Needle Exchange and Harm Reduction Services in Guelph](#) as part of the community consultation process before August 1st.
3. The Housing Stability Rent Support (HSRS) Programme has resumed approving subsidy applications. A report will be prepared for JSSLAC in September to discuss future programme planning. A smaller group from the Health and Housing Planning table is developing a strategy to advocate for additional funding to upper levels of government by preparing an advocacy letter and briefing note, incorporating a joint health and housing perspective.
4. The Provision of Basic Needs Sub-Working Group brought forth three daytime hub recommendations to the Planning Table in June. Feedback from members was incorporated and the recommendations have been approved. The recommendations are:
 - a. That the Health and Housing Community Planning Table coordinate a process in each municipality to engage health, housing and municipal partners to address (including co-design, resourcing and delivery of services) identified gaps in basic needs services and resources to meet the need of persons experiencing homelessness, as well as those who are precariously housed and other vulnerable populations.
 - b. That the partners involved in basic needs planning in Wellington-Guelph continue to meaningfully incorporate the input of the Lived Experience Advisory Group and area municipalities in the development of any proposals and the co-design and delivery of services.
 - c. That the Health and Housing Planning Table support the inclusion of the following mandate in the Terms of Reference for the Provision of Basic Needs Sub-Working Group:
 - i. support/lead activities to address gaps in basic needs
 - ii. monitor basic needs and related programs on an ongoing basis
 - iii. as required, develop evidence-based recommendations and plans to address identified gaps and future needs and resources.

Other Messages/Reminders

5. The next LEAG Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 21st and will focus on developing a shared understanding and definition of lived experience, to be shared with the Planning Table.
6. The third Community Partner Meeting was held on June 4, 2025 via Zoom. The webinar provided an update on the work and achievements of the Wellington-Guelph Health & Housing Community Planning Table over the past year, and the recording can be viewed [here](#). The next Health and Housing Community Partner Webinar will be held on November 3rd. [Register here](#).
7. The One-year Report was released on June 4th. The associated press release and link to download the report can be accessed [here](#). The report was also presented to the Joint Social Services and Land Ambulance (JSSLAC) Committee on June 11th, for information.
8. The Planning Table has launched a website! Find the latest news from the Wellington-Guelph Health and Housing Community Planning Table, reports and resources, upcoming events, and ways to stay informed on our progress. Whether you're a service provider, community partner, or resident, this site is designed to keep you connected and engaged as we build a more integrated, supportive system for everyone in Wellington County and Guelph. Check it out here: <https://www.wghealthandhousing.ca/>