



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

**The following are the Key Messages from the Wellington-Guelph Health and Housing Community Planning Table (HHCPT) meeting that was held on January 27, 2026. Please share these key messages broadly with interested partners and stakeholders.**

1. Members of the LEAG and Planning Table are simultaneously reviewing the draft Health and Housing Community Plan. Three LEAG meetings are being held to solicit feedback. The meeting dates are February 5<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, and April 16<sup>th</sup>.
2. Now that the Guelph Wellington OHT's Verification Process has been completed, Indigenous engagement efforts and work related to truth and reconciliation are underway. The GW OHT is organizing Indigenous engagement efforts, including sharing circles to guide culturally appropriate primary care in Guelph-Wellington, as well as the Health and Housing needs of the Indigenous community.
3. Planning Table members came together for a crisis response/contingency planning meeting with service partners, resulting in more outreach workers and support for individuals in temporary accommodations at 128 Norfolk.
4. The City of Guelph's Community Grant Program is supporting daytime services where individuals can access their basic needs until Stepping Stone is able to provide these services on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Royal City Mission has been awarded \$76,000 of the Community Grant to extend services on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays, in partnership with other community organizations. More information about the Community Grant can be found [here](#). The Poverty Elimination Collaborative (PEC) continues to update their [Cold Weather Response](#) for individuals who are unhoused.
5. The scattered site supportive housing component of the HART Hub is now being operationalized. 140 Social Housing units in Wellington-Guelph will receive additional wrap-around supports by Stonehenge Therapeutic Community. Recruitment for these positions is now ongoing in Guelph and Wellington County. An additional 10 Social Housing units will receive intensive wraparound supports from CMHA.
6. Coordinated Outreach Training for outreach workers in both the health and housing sector is scheduled for February and March. Sessions will be held in Wellington County and in Guelph.
7. The Planning Table is developing an advocacy strategy to higher levels of government for rent supports. The PEC and Planning Table developed a pre-budget advocacy letter, recommending that the Province:
  - commit to sustained funding for the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) and expand access to meet growing demand;

- increase investments in prevention and diversion to stop homelessness before it starts;
- expand housing-focused solutions, including sufficient and predictable capital and operating investments to increase deeply affordable and supportive housing, to reduce system pressures and improve health and housing outcomes;
- make additional investments and/or allow funding flexibility to enable health and housing partners to implement innovative solutions to address the intersectionality between health and housing.

### **Other Messages/Reminders**

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/>