

The Plan to End Chronic Homelessness

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Project background

The number of people who are currently experiencing homelessness in Waterloo Region is higher than ever before.

The Region of Waterloo estimates there are 500 people experiencing chronic homelessness in our community.

The Region of Waterloo is working collaboratively with community partners to build a roadmap of strategies and timelines to end chronic homelessness in Waterloo Region.

FAQs

What is chronic homelessness?

Chronic homelessness is defined as an experience of homelessness for long periods of time. This includes an experience of homelessness that lasts a total of at least six months (180 days) over the past year or a total of at least 18 months (546 days) over the past three years.

Why is the project focusing on ending chronic homelessness?

The longer a person experiences homelessness, the more their health and well-being suffers.

Targeting efforts in ending chronic homelessness as a starting point ensures those with the longest experiences of homelessness and most complex needs are the first to receive housing and support to end their homelessness.

Ending chronic homelessness will be the beginning of the end of all forms of homelessness in Waterloo Region.

Who will create The Plan to End Chronic Homelessness?

Region of Waterloo staff are working with Overlap Associates and the Social Development Centre Waterloo Region (SDCWR) on the project. Overlap will oversee broad-based community engagement and the SDCWR will facilitate engagement with those who have lived expertise of homelessness.

It will be created in community, by community, for community.

Learn more at EngageWR.ca/End-Chronic-Homelessness.

Start a community conversation



Use these questions to start a conversation with your community group, friends, family, or anyone you feel comfortable sharing ideas with. Share feedback from your conversations to help inform the vision and development of The Plan to End Chronic Homelessness.

1. What does equitable, stable housing mean to you?
2. How could you/your community be involved in ending chronic homelessness?
3. What should the community start doing to end chronic homelessness?
4. What should the community stop doing to end chronic homelessness?
5. What should the community continue doing to end chronic homelessness?

How do I return feedback?

You can submit by mail or email. Return by July 28, 2023 to:

The Plan to End Chronic Homelessness
22 Water Street, Suite 201
Kitchener, ON N2G 4K4
EndChronicHomelessness@regionofwaterloo.ca

Share your voice

Join the conversation on social media with **#ThePlanWR**.



Call: 519-575-4400 | TTY: 519-575-4608

 Interpreters available in over 150 languages.

Email: EndChronicHomelessness@regionofwaterloo.ca

Take the survey



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Scan the QR code or visit:
EngageWR.ca/End-Chronic-Homelessness

Print copies, accessible formats and communications supports available upon request.

If you are experiencing emotional or mental distress, please reach out for help:

CMHA Waterloo-Wellington's Here 24/7 Helpline

- 1-844-437-3247 (HERE-247), TTY: 1-877-688-5501
- here247.ca (English and French)

Multilingual Helpline Support

- 905-459-7777, TTY: 905-278-4890
- dcoqt.com/multilingual-distress-lines (English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Portuguese, Spanish, Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu)