

Housing Provider Forum

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- **Update on NRH**
 - **Committee Review**
 - **Strategic Planning**
- **Program Update**
- **New Legislation**

NRH Update

NRH Board

The 14 Directors on the NRH Board represent the following community partners:

- 5 Regional Councillors representing Council's interests
- 5 Housing Providers from Non-Profits and Cooperatives bringing a social housing perspective
- 3 Community representatives with backgrounds in legal, business and mental health services
- 1 Tenant representative bringing the customer perspective

Committee Structure

Board of Directors

STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive

Governance

Investment

Tender Award

Applicant/Tenant Appeals

ADVISORY GROUPS

Tenant Advisory

Provider Advisory

Community Advisory

Current Strategic Plan Goals

Innovative affordable housing solutions

To seek out innovative solutions to address the growing need for affordable housing in Niagara

Environmentally responsive sustainable communities

Continue to improve the safety, efficiency and environmental sensibility of new and existing buildings while maintaining affordability and cost-effectiveness

Strong partnerships with stakeholders

To develop and foster partnerships that are instrumental in the development of affordable housing and providing its residents with supports

Adaptable service-delivery network

To put the appropriate supports in place that will assist NRH and the housing provider network in its work

Program Update

Substantial Increase in the Demand for Affordable Housing



5530
Households

10,132
People

Fewer Move-Ins

2008 - 771 households placed
2009 - 727 households placed
2010 - 662 households placed

**At the rate we are going we will never be able
to house everyone on the wait list**

Relief to Applicants Waiting

Rent Supplement and Housing Allowance programs offer assistance to applicants by reducing their rent while they wait

Rent Supplement	
Total units	907

Housing Allowance	
Total units	111

Over 150 Landlords

Eviction Prevention and New Affordable Housing

- **Rent Bank** - Loan for up to two months arrears

# of households	973
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- **Homeownership Program** – Loan for down payment

# of homeowners	181
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- **New Development** – Creation of new units

# of units	530
Funding	\$38M

Investing in Affordable Housing (IAH Program)

- **\$13.1 M Federal/Provincial funding until
March 31, 2015**
- **5 Program Streams**
 - Rent Supplement
 - Housing Allowance
 - New Development
 - Homeownership
 - Ontario Renovates

**Plan to Province
by Feb 29, 2012**

New Legislation

Housing and Homelessness Plan

The *Housing Services Act* requires each service manager to have a plan to address housing and homelessness

Period of plan Must be for at least a 10 year period

Due Date Submitted to Ministry by January 1, 2014

Consultation with the Public is Mandatory

NRH/Housing Provider Relationship

- Based on legislation with two key roles

SUPPORT

- Advice
- Information Sharing
- Forums/Training

COMPLIANCE

- Operational Reviews
- Legislated Remedies

Results from Today

- **Gain a better understanding of the new legislation**
- **Further define the relationship with NRH**

Questions?