

Background

The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville (The Counties) is consulting the community regarding the development of the 2025-2035 Housing and Homelessness Plan (The Plan). A presentation has been recorded, and a Dialogue Document was created to provide more detailed information regarding the scope of The Plan, responsibility and role of The Counties for The Plan, and the current programs and services being offered.

1. Did you view the 2025-2035 Housing and Homelessness Plan presentation online, or participate in a live consultation session prior to completing the questionnaire?

Yes No

2. Do you presently reside in The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville?

Yes No

3. What is your interest in commenting on a Housing and Homelessness Plan for The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville?

Discussion One – Vision Statement and Guiding Principals

Vision Statement

The following is the proposed Vision Statement of The Plan, which states:

The Housing and Homelessness Plan for the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville is centered on the vision of a community that encourages and supports access to safe, secure, suitable, and affordable housing. This plan strives to be flexible, and reflect the changing needs of the local communities.

Vision Statement of the Plan

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- 4. Should the Vision Statement:** Change? Stay the Same? Be modified?

If you think the **Vision Statement** should change or be modified - do you have any suggested revisions or alternatives you would propose with regard to the proposed Vision Statement?

Guiding Principles

Fundamental to achieving the Housing and Homelessness Plan (The Plan) goals, what are the Guiding Principles that will direct the implementation of The Plan. The Plan will provide a strategic framework for the future of housing in Leeds and Grenville, using the following **guiding principals**:

- Person-Centered Approach
- Housing First
- Prevention Focused
- Community Partnerships
- Locally driven
- Inclusive
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Outcome Based

The definition for each principle is found in the Dialogue document.

5. **Should the Guiding Principles:** Change? Stay the Same? Be modified?

6. If you think the **Guiding Principals** should change or be modified - do you have any suggested revisions or alternatives you would propose with regard to the proposed Vision Statement?

Discussion One – Vision Statement and Guiding Principals

The Plan has identified three overarching strategic goals that outline tangible actions that are linked to specific outcomes and measures:

Strategic Goal #1: Ending homelessness by supporting and housing persons that do not have a home.

Strategic Goal #2: Preventing homelessness and maintaining housing stability.

Strategic Goal #3: Facilitating and promoting a supply of community and affordable housing to ensure an adequate supply and choice of housing for low and moderate income households.



8. **Should the Goals:**

- Change? Stay the Same? Be modified?

9. If you think the **Strategic Goals** should change or be modified - do you have any suggested revisions or alternatives you would propose?

10. Prioritize the following **Current Actions for Goal #1:** Ending Homelessness and supporting and housing persons that do not have a home, by Ranking from Not at all Important to Extremely Important.

Strategic Goal #1: Ending homelessness by supporting and housing persons that do not have a home.	Not at all Important	Slightly Important	Neutral	Very Important	Extremely Important
Three-Year Homelessness Prevention Strategy and Annual Homelessness Report that will review the services provided.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide and flow funding for varying levels of emergency shelters according to acuity of needs for persons for are unhoused.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continue the ByName List to accurately track and count the unhoused population to provide the supports needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provision of Supportive Housing through the Community and Social Services Division and service agreements with community organizations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continue the provision of emergency vouchers through the Community and Social Services Division and community partners for food, transportation, and accommodations for households in an emergency,	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provision of community outreach services through the Community and Social Services Division and community partners to support the unhoused population. Community outreach includes food security programs, case management and referrals for ByName list clients, ongoing supports and services such as counselling and behavioral supports.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continue mobile outreach services through the Justice Involved Housing Program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. Prioritize the following **Future Actions for Goal #1**: Ending Homelessness and supporting and housing persons that do not have a home by ranking from Not at all Important to Extremely Important.

Strategic Goal #1: Ending homelessness by supporting and housing persons that do not have a home.	Not at all Important	Slightly Important	Neutral	Very Important	Extremely Important
The creation of 150 Supportive Housing Units that provide for varying levels of supports according to acuity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Investigate additional/alternative emergency shelter opportunities and transitional mid-term accommodations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expand community partner participation of the ByName List for all organizations that support the unhoused population.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transform the Counties' current shelter service into a program that places increased emphasis on supporting clients to move into housing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve outreach services to better track homelessness across the Counties.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increase the amount of Transitional-Supportive Housing available in the Counties.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Build and enhance community partnerships in support of a coordinated and community-wide effort to reduce homelessness across Leeds and Grenville.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Be ready for future investment. Should the provincial Homelessness Prevention funding levels increase in the next 2-3 years, the Counties will have a plan ready to immediately and effectively invest these resources.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Prioritize the following **Current Actions for Goal #2**: Preventing Homelessness and maintaining housing stability by ranking from Not at all Important to Extremely Important.

Strategic Goal #2: Preventing homelessness and maintaining housing stability.	Not at all Important	Slightly Important	Neutral	Very Important	Extremely Important
Continue to administer the Homelessness Prevention Benefit to issue funds to prevent eviction and loss of utilities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continue the Supportive Housing Program, which includes preparing individuals in the program for independent living in the community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continue to fund the Housing Allowance program, and participate in the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit program, to make the cost of renting more affordable for eligible households in their current home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continue to fund the Ontario Renovates revolving loan fund to eligible households to repair their existing home and complete accessibility repairs, to ensure that the home is habitable and accessible.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continue the Justice Involved Housing Program, which engages with individuals in institutional settings to divert and prevent a return to homelessness.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. Prioritize the following **Future Actions for Goal #2**: Preventing homelessness and maintaining housing stability by ranking from Not at all Important to Extremely Important.

Strategic Goal #2: Preventing homelessness and maintaining housing stability.	Not at all Important	Slightly Important	Neutral	Very Important	Extremely Important
Assess the feasibility of a municipally-funded housing allowance program, to reduce dependency on the Homelessness Prevention Benefit for rent and utility arrears.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assess the feasibility of a municipally-funded rent supplement program to increase the number of new Affordable Housing units created in the community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Investigate future programs and options that can assist households to remain housed for longer periods, and reduce homelessness in Leeds and Grenville.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enhance the Counties' existing homelessness prevention programs so that 20% more community members receive financial support annually.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14. Prioritize the following **Current Actions for Goal #3**: Facilitating and promoting a supply of community and affordable housing to ensure an adequate supply and choice of housing for low and moderate income households by ranking from Not at all Important to Extremely Important.

Strategic Goal #3: Facilitating and promoting a supply of community and affordable housing to ensure an adequate supply and choice of housing for low and moderate income households.	Not at all Important	Slightly Important	Neutral	Very Important	Extremely Important
Continue to invest in current community housing assets through asset management planning and supporting community housing providers with provincial Repair funding.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continue to target and fund the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative – Housing Allowance to support the continued provision of rent-g geared-to-income units in non-profit and co-operative housing units whose operating agreements have expired.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continue to contribute to the housing amortization reserve.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support the development of new subsidized and affordable housing units through the Leeds and Grenville Affordable Housing Development Lab.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assisting the development of new community and affordable housing units through referrals for land developers and non-profit housing providers to relevant project funding and financing programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting the development of new community and affordable housing units through the provision of data and information required to develop a business case for new development.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promotion of housing development in rural areas, including cost-effective waste water and drinking water funding programs and options.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encouragement of rapid housing development through the promotion of alternative building methods to build housing faster and affordably.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continue to fund the Affordable Home Ownership Program, to assist first-time homebuyers with down payment assistance for the purchase of their first home, to open more rental stock in Leeds and Grenville.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Strategic Goal #3: Facilitating and promoting a supply of community and affordable housing to ensure an adequate supply and choice of housing for low and moderate income households.	Not at all Important	Slightly Important	Neutral	Very Important	Extremely Important
Continue to fund the Secondary Suite Program, to create an Affordable additional residential unit (ADU) to increase the supply of Affordable Housing Units.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. How important to you are the following **Future Actions for Goal #3:** Facilitating and promoting a supply of community and affordable housing to ensure an adequate supply and choice of housing for low and moderate income households.

Strategic Goal #3: Facilitating and promoting a supply of community and affordable housing to ensure an adequate supply and choice of housing for low and moderate income households.	Not at all Important	Slightly Important	Neutral	Very Important	Extremely Important
Develop a Housing Strategy Plan for County investments in Homelessness, Affordable and Supportive Housing in Leeds and Grenville.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Based on data, establish unit size, tenant and geographical targets for new affordable and supportive housing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Establish a multi-year plan for new subsidized housing units, with a focus on the development of high need units in high demand areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Review the current community housing stock, and assess if the unit composition and mandates meet the needs of those waiting on waitlists.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assess the feasibility of a municipally-funded rent supplement program, to increase the number of subsidized housing units to reduce wait times.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting Ontario’s Community Housing Renewal Strategy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Engage in discussions with housing developers regarding the challenges and needs for constructing new affordable and community housing units, and advocate for system change to ensure rural affordable housing development is viable and receives the financial resources needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. Are there any other Actions that the Counties should include in it's Housing and Homelessness Plan that are not already listed?

17. Is there anything else you would like to add for feedback on the 2025 -2035 Leeds and Grenville Housing and Homelessness Plan?

Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback into the development of the 2025 – 2035 Housing and Homelessness Plan for The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville.