



**United Way
Perth-Huron**



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Report to Community 2021:

COLLABORATIVE ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN NORTH PERTH*

Community Vision Everyone has the right to a home that is safe, suitable, and affordable, and to supports that help them keep their home.

Current Initiatives in North Perth: Many Partners, Progress Occurring!

United Way Perth-Huron

Homelessness Committee

UWPH operated the NP Homelessness Committee in 2020-2021. Recommendations from the committee are leading to the launch of HopeLinks operated by The Salvation Army, education efforts and the building of affordable housing units. U.W.'s North Perth Community Committee will continue to work towards implementation of all recommendations.

Perth County

Paramedic Services Community Outreach Program

The Paramedic Services Community Outreach Program is aimed at bringing supportive care to patients with complex medical needs both in their homes and in community settings, targeting individuals who may not be able to access traditional health care systems.

City of Stratford

Consolidated Municipal Services Manager

The City of Stratford is committed to ending homelessness, creating attainable housing options and sustaining community housing in our County. As the Consolidated Municipal Services Manager we operate and fund a broad range of services and supports dedicated to supporting individuals experiencing homelessness, promoting housing stability with those at risk of becoming homeless and increasing access to attainable housing in our community.

North Perth

Mayor's Task Force on Affordable Housing

The Municipality of North Perth established the Mayor's Task Force on Affordable Housing which focused their efforts on resolving the current issues surrounding affordable housing. Final recommendations have been presented to Council and work plans and budgets will be considered for Budget 2022.

The Salvation Army Community & Family Services

HOPE Links North Perth

The Salvation Army Community & Family Services Listowel, as a supported partner with The United Way Perth Huron will offer a warm and welcoming environment, nutritious food, facilities to do laundry and a place to shower for those in our community in need through HOPE Links North Perth.

Multi-Agency Partnership

Community Developer & Support Worker

As the result of a partnership between the City of Stratford, United Way, Family Services Perth Huron and the Municipality of North Perth, a Community Based Social Worker is being hired to support the North Perth Community, including the homeless population.

Multi-Agency Partnership

North Perth Community Hub

In partnership with United Way Perth-Huron, the Municipality of North Perth along with the North Perth Public Library continue to move forward with progress on creating a community hub. Most recent discussions have included the possibility of incorporating housing into the plans for the Community Hub project.

Perth County

Committee on Affordable and Attainable Housing

The Standing Committee on Affordable/Attainable Housing (CAAH) for the County of Perth provides County Council with information, advice and recommendations on matters relating to the creation, expansion and retention of affordable, attainable and rentable housing in the County of Perth.

Accomplishments to Date*

1. Creating 115 new attainable housing units;
2. Introducing incentives to encourage attainable housing development;
3. Developing a **coordinated** response to homelessness;
4. Launching programs designed to assist households experiencing homelessness based on their level of need;
5. Implementing initiatives to preserve our existing community housing stock

2020 - 2024 Strategic Objectives*

- 1 Ending Homelessness**
Shifting resources and service provision from managing to ending homelessness, with a focus on chronic homelessness
- 2 Creating Attainable Housing Options**
Increasing the range of housing options that are available, affordable, appropriate, and achievable to meet people's needs, situations and choice.
- 3 Sustaining Community Housing**
Ensuring that existing community housing stock is well maintained and continues to play a key role in the delivery of permanent geared-to-income housing locally.
- 4 Addressing a Diversity of Needs**
Providing a broad range of services and supports that reflect the unique, local landscape in an inclusive and culturally appropriate way, including advancing Truth and Reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

2020 - 2024 Implementation Drivers*

COLLABORATION

Collaboration with service providers and community agencies.

DATA

Collecting and using reliable, local data to make informed decisions.

TRAINING/EDUCATION

Providing education and training to raise awareness of issues and build sector capacity.

OUTCOMES

Measuring success by focusing on outcomes.

**Coming Soon...
A Multimedia Presentation about
Homelessness and Affordable Housing in North Perth**

*Much of the work being done to address homelessness and attainable housing in North Perth is guided by the [Housing and Homelessness Plan for Stratford, Perth County and St. Marys \(2020-2024\)](#), the [Community Safety and Well-being Plan](#) and the [Municipality of North Perth Strategic Plan 2019-2022](#).

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