

HOUSING: LET'S GET INTO IT!



MUNICIPALITIES RESPONDING TO THE HOUSING CRISIS

Housing is essential to the wellbeing and economic vibrancy of our communities, but demand has been exceeding supply for decades. Without adequate housing, it is difficult—if not impossible—for individuals to have employment, food security, social and educational opportunities, or even health. With low rental vacancies, unaffordable rents, and the lack of “missing middle” housing options, finding suitable and affordable housing is a crisis for some people.

For municipalities and their partners, establishing the right range and mix of housing supply has become increasingly difficult given the strong demand for housing and the spike in building costs. Today, through learning and collaboration, we aim to bring new and innovative ideas together to build a solutions toolbox that complements the existing housing strategy for your community. Thank you for taking part.



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AGENDA

LONDON CONVENTION CENTRE
SALONS D-E-F

8:00 a.m. REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

- 9:00 **M.C. Welcome and context:**
Peter Crockett, CAO, Oxford County
- 9:10 **Opening remarks:**
Joe Preston, Mayor, City of St. Thomas
- 9:15 **Address:**
MPP Christine Hogarth, Parliamentary Assistant,
Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing
- 9:25 **Keynote address:** "Housing for all: A new delivery model"
Jennifer Keesmaat, Principal, The Keesmaat Group | Former
Chief Planner, City of Toronto

10:30 a.m. BREAK (15 MIN)

- 10:45 **Presentation:** "Demographics, Economics, and Housing in Southwestern Ontario"
Ryan Berlin, Director, Urban Futures
- 11:45 **Presentation:** "Practical solutions to meeting community housing needs: Three recent projects by Indwell"
Graham Cubitt, Director, Projects & Development, Indwell
- 12:20 **Presentation:** "Attracting and Retaining"
Lana Sim, Manager, Human Resources & General Affairs,
Toyota Boshoku Canada

12:45 p.m. BUFFET LUNCH (45 MIN)

- 1:30 **Workshop welcome:**
Grant Jones, Deputy Warden, Elgin County
- 1:35 Full-group solutions workshop facilitated by SHS Consulting

3:00 p.m. COFFEE SERVICE (SELF SERVE DURING WORKSHOP)

- 4:20 **Wrap-up and next steps:**
Peter Crockett, CAO, Oxford County
- 4:25 **Closing remarks:**
Larry Martin, Warden, Oxford County and
Board Chair, Southwestern Public Health

4:30 p.m. FORUM ENDS