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New survey to address housing and homelessness in Oxford County

New online survey for residents, landlords and community agencies will help guide a 10-year housing and homelessness plan in Oxford County.

NEWS

Do we have enough housing in the right price range and in the right places?

Oxford County's Human Services department is currently developing a 10-year housing and homelessness plan to answer this question and is looking for feedback through an online survey about the current status of housing and homelessness across the County.

One of the first steps in developing a 10-year housing plan for the County is to assess the current and future housing needs in Oxford County. The online survey and community consultations taking place over the next few months are ways the County is asking the general public to help determine housing needs.

When completed, the 10-year plan will identify housing needs and priority issues, and will provide recommendations on how to address housing and homelessness in Oxford County. All municipalities are required by the province to have a 10-year housing plan by 2014. The first draft of the plan is expected to be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval by January 2014.

To begin the process of gathering data for the plan, Human Services is asking residents take a few minutes to fill out an online survey (paper copies are also available upon request).

The survey can be found on the [Oxford County website](http://www.oxfordcounty.ca) at www.oxfordcounty.ca and will be open until May 30, 2013.

QUOTE

"Creating a long-range housing plan ensures that we are committed to providing affordable and sufficient housing for Oxford County residents now and in the years to come. The survey is the first step in the planning process. We want to hear from residents, landlords and anyone who helps people with shelter to determine priority issues for housing in Oxford County."

- Paul Beaton, Corporate Manager, Human Services, County of Oxford

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ABOUT OXFORD COUNTY Located in the heart of southwestern Ontario, Oxford County is set among rolling hills and farmland and boasts a rapidly expanding business sector. The County offers a thriving local arts, culture and culinary community; scenic trails, conservation parks and natural areas; and a choice location at the crossroads of Highways 401 and 403. Oxford County has a population of approximately 106,000 people across eight municipalities that are “growing stronger together” through a partnership-oriented, two-tier governance structure incorporated as the County of Oxford. The regional seat for the County of Oxford is in Woodstock. Visit www.oxfordcounty.ca or follow us at twitter.com/oxfordcounty.