

**Affordable Housing Forum**  
September 14, 2017  
**Holiday Inn International Airport Hotel**

**AGENDA**

**8:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast**



**9:00 a.m. Welcome Remarks (Algonquin Ballroom)**

Dan McCormick, CAO, Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board and OMSSA Vice President

**9:10 a.m. Opening Plenary**

Janet Hope, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Housing

**10:00 a.m. Break (Algonquin Foyer)**

**10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions**

**1.1 Social Housing Modernization, Presented by Ministry of Housing (Algonquin C/D)**

As part of the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy Update, Ontario has committed to modernizing its social housing system into a more efficient, people-centred, outcomes-focused and sustainable approach to provide housing for Ontarians. Please join us at this session for an update on the progress to date and anticipated next steps.

**Speakers:**

- Rhona Duncan, Manager, Housing and Homelessness Policy, Ministry of Housing
- Andrew Balahura, Director, Housing Services & Chief Operating Officer Halton Community Housing Corporation at Halton Region

**1.2 Housing and Homelessness Plans, Presented by Ministry of Housing (Cabinet Room)**

Join the Housing Policy Branch for an interactive and practical session to discuss Service Managers' experience developing and reporting on their Housing and Homelessness Plans, with a forward-looking focus on options and recommendations for the 5-year renewal (in January 2019).

**Speaker:** Marci Pernica, Manager, Research, Evaluation and Reporting, Ministry of Housing

**1.3 Innovations in Housing Stability, Presented by ONPHA (MacDonald Room)**

ONPHA's Innovations in Housing Stability project profiles eight unique initiatives that have helped diverse low- and moderate-income people find and keep a home that meets their needs. During this session attendees will see how innovation is helping people find and maintain safe, secure and affordable homes, and how these approaches can be adapted and applied in other communities.

**Speakers:**

- Michelle McCombs, Manager, Education and Member Services, ONPHA
- Darlene Cook, CEO, Peterborough Housing Corporation

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (*Algonquin Ballroom*)



1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

**2.1 Portable Housing Benefit (*Algonquin C/D*)**

Jim Adams, Director, Housing Programs Branch, Ministry of Housing will engage participants in an interactive session on the Portable Housing Benefit program.

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**2.2 Driving Change: Collectively Reimagining Our Roles and Response to Youth Homelessness, Presented by A Way Home (*MacDonald Room*)**

A Way Home is a national coalition dedicated to ending youth homelessness in Canada. Communities across Ontario are seeking ways to organize, plan and implement strategies to address youth homelessness in a coordinated, measurable and impactful way and Ontario Service Managers have a significant role in the development of both local and provincial strategies. In this session A Way Home's Policy and Planning representatives will introduce A Way Home's Youth Homelessness community planning resources, outline potential roles for Service Managers and begin to engage around provincially shared youth homelessness priorities.

**Speakers:**

Mary-Jane McKitterick, Community Planning Manager, A Way Home

Amanda Buchnea - Program and Policy Coordinator, A Way Home

**2.3 Unleashing Opportunities to Create Affordable Housing, Presented by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (*Cabinet Room*)**

During this interactive session, attendees to discover how CMHC programs and resources can unleash unanticipated opportunities and partnerships to create affordable housing. This session features representatives from Housing Development Corporation London and United Church of Canada who will dive into practical examples of utilizing CMHC funding to develop supportive and affordable housing.

**Speakers:**

Anthony Adrien, Consultant, Affordable Housing, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Stephen Giustizia, CEO, London Housing Development

Melissa McEnroe, Affordable Housing Development Manager, York Region

Robert Dalgeish, Executive Director, United Church of Canada

Kristopher Tavella, Property Coordinator, United Church of Canada



2:45 – 3:15 p.m. Closing Remarks (*Algonquin Ballroom*)

Keith Palmer, OMSSA Past President