

Human Services Planning Board of York Region

Making Ends Meet in York Region

Moving from Talk to Action

February 14, 2012

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Current Status

- HSPB Endorsement Feb 2012
 - Indicators & Baseline Measures
 - HSPB-YR Member Organization Action Plan
 - HSPB-YR Collective Actions
- Regional Council Endorsement May 2012

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Board Decision Points

1. Any further input or adjustments to the materials
2. Confirm Member Organization intention to implement actions
3. Confirm Collective Actions
4. Confirm the indicators



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A Community Model for Change

TARGET POPULATION

Low and moderate income families and individuals in York Region who are struggling to make ends meet



COMMUNITY RESULTS

Affordable Housing

"A good mixture of safe and affordable housing options and programs throughout York Region for low and moderate income families and individuals to make ends meet"

Economic Self-Sufficiency

"A strong combination of employment and human services supports for low and moderate income families and individuals to make ends meet"

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'TURN THE CURVE' INDICATOR AREAS

Housing Options/Mix

Diversity of Housing Tenure

Indicators:

- Percentage of dwellings in York Region that are owned and the percentage that are rented
- Average rental vacancy rate in York Region
- Percentage of housing starts that are purposely built for rental accommodation in York Region

Diversity of Housing Type

Indicators:

- Percentage of different housing types available in York Region (i.e. single family detached, semi-detached, apartment, etc...)
- Residential intensification targets by local municipality in York Region as per section 5.3.3(a) of York Region Official Plan

Housing Affordability

Indicator:

- Percentage of homeowners and renters spending 30% or more and 50% or more of gross household income on housing costs

Housing Programs and Waitlists

Indicator:

- Percentage of York Region social housing waiting list placed annually

Housing Policy Decisions

Indicators:

- Percentage of affordable housing units constructed in the nine municipalities in York Region in accordance with sections 3.5.6 and 3.5.7 of the York Region Official Plan
- The status of supportive secondary suite policies in the nine municipalities in York Region

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'TURN THE CURVE' INDICATOR AREAS

Workforce Development

Indicators:

- Percentage of post secondary graduates in York Region working in low-skilled occupations by income group
- Percentage of work activity by income group in York Region

Income Levels, Financial Literacy and Food Security

Indicators:

- Percentage of population in York Region with low and moderate income
- Total number of low income, moderate income and high income residents in York Region
- Geographic distribution of low income population
- Geographic distribution of moderate income population
- Rate of personal insolvencies in York Region (i.e. the number of individuals in York Region who declare legally that they are unable to pay their debts)
- Percentage of income households spend on housing for households with and without a mortgage by income group
- Cost of basic healthy eating as per the Ontario Nutritious Food Basket
- Distribution of the low and moderate income population located beyond a one kilometre radius from a supermarket.

Child and Elder Care

Indicators:

- Average monthly rent of retirement home spaces by unit type in York Region
- Average annual cost of a child care space in York Region
- Non-subsidized cost of child care space as proportion of low and moderate family income in York Region
- Geographic distribution of child care as a proportion of family budget
- Average monthly number of children receiving child care fee assistance in York Region
- Number of families on the waitlist for child care fee assistance in York Region

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Member Organization Action Plan

Affordable Housing		15
Housing Options/Type		1
Housing Affordability		5
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HSPB –YR Making Ends Meet Collective Actions

The Human Services Planning Board of York Region will work together to advance the community results and indicator areas...

Making Ends Meet in York Region Target Population Low and moderate income families and individuals in York Region who are struggling to make ends meet		COMMUNITY RESULTS						
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		'TURN THE CURVE ' INDICATOR AREAS						
COLLECTIVE ACTIONS ▼	Housing Options/ Mix	Housing Affordability	Housing Programs/ Initiatives	Housing Policy Decisions	Workforce Development	Income Levels, Financial Literacy and Food Security	Child and Elder Care	
Host a Housing Affordability Discussion Series • The HSPB-YR to host a Housing Affordability Discussion Series to mobilize the community to think about, develop and expand housing affordability options in York Region								
Housing Hub Model • To provide housing support services through a collaborative physical, mobile and virtual housing hub model where multiple organizations work together to reduce the vulnerability of residents in need of housing assistance								
Host a Social Assistance Review Commission Options Paper Discussion • The HSPB-YR will host a community discussion to gain feedback from community stakeholders to inform a collaborative response to the Social Assistance Review Commission Options Paper								
Mentoring Partnership Program • Create opportunities for skilled immigrants in York Region to be mentored								
Convening Public Education and Awareness – Meeting House Series • Review recommendations for social infrastructure improvements in York Region in the context of advancing the work of Making Ends Meet in York Region								
Funder Discussions • Develop a Making Ends Meet in York Region Investment Strategy that identifies funding priorities in both community result areas and then advocate with funders								
Financial Literacy Tools • Develop financial literacy tools for low and moderate income families and individuals including seniors, newcomers, youth, families and single parents • Financial literacy tools will include real life case examples that will help additional education on health and well-being								
Fair Access • Review and develop policies and procedures on school fees and fundraising to lower school cost; and increase financial access to recreation and cultural programs for low and moderate income residents including affordable space for senior support groups. • Key partners include: School Boards and local Municipalities • Promote the Fair Access initiative where opportunities present and share tools and best practices with the broader community								

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HSPB-YR Collective Action Timeline								
	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Collective Actions	January - March 2012	April - June 2012	July - Sept 2012	Oct - Dec 2012	January - March 2013	April - June 2013	July - Sept 2013	Oct - Dec 2013
Housing Affordability Discussion Series	• Planning team established • Agenda set for 1st discussion • Event coordinated • Develop framework for discussion series	• First housing affordability discussion	Additional Housing Discussions tentatively scheduled during this time					
Housing Hub Model			• Start up and planning stage • Establish work team • Research best practices • Identify stakeholders	• Needs assessment • Hub model development	Implementation		• Monitor and evaluate • Building construction for potential location tentatively scheduled to be completed	
Social Assistance Review Commission Options Paper Discussion	• Host community discussion • Endorse community response		Participate in future discussions to enhance social assistance as appropriate					
Public Education and Awareness - Meeting House Series	• Public and key stakeholder consultations	• Public and key stakeholder consultations • Planning for Summit • Review recommendations • Identify fit		• Development of social infrastructure improvement recommendations and facilitation of summit (Oct) • Summit				
Funder Forum Discussions		• Develop investment strategy		• Initiate discussions with planning partners				

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Mentoring Partnership Program	- Identifying mentors - Board member orientation - Matching of mentors with mentees - Commencement of mentorships	Mentorship opportunities offered to skilled newcomers		• Program evaluation				
Financial Literacy Tools		- Establish working team - Research financial literacy tools - Identify key stakeholders - Develop project plan						
Fair Access	Fair Access Collective Action Timeline to be determined							

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Next Steps

Develop Collective Action Project Plans	Q1 2012
Establish Communication Team	Q1-Q2 2012
Community & Health Services Committee and Regional Council	May 2012
HSPB-YR Hosted Social Assistance Review Commission Options Paper Community Discussion	Q1 2012
HSPB-YR Hosted Affordable Housing Discussion	Q2 2012

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