

Adequate Rates Now

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What we want to see:

- The Government of Ontario increase Ontario Works rates for single adults by \$245 per month
- Our ask:
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 2. Communicate this request to the Government of Ontario



Current Rates

Income

For a single adult, the rates as of December 2016 are:

Basic Needs	\$330
Shelter Allowance	\$376
Ontario Trillium Benefit ¹	\$54
G/HST Credit	\$23
TOTAL	\$785

Rates are set to increase by approximately \$15 in fall 2017.



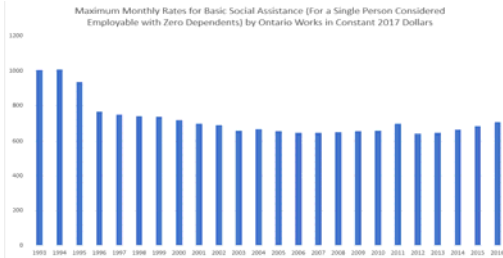
Rental Costs London

- CMHC average, bachelor: **\$621**
- CMHC average, 1 bedroom: **\$802**

To meet real costs of minimal shelter in London (\$621) current shelter allowance (\$376) would need to be increased by a minimum **\$245.00**



Historical Perspective



Returning rates to their pre-1995 levels would require an increase of **\$299.00**



Our Principles

No person in Ontario should ever have to choose between shelter, food or transportation.

There may be better models of income assistance but until these are implemented, Ontario Works rates need to be made adequate.

- Increased rates should not be paid through cuts to existing social assistance supports presently in place, such as work-related benefits.
- Increased rates are the first step. An ongoing exploration of sustained adequate rates and annual increases is also needed.
- Low income isn't the only cause of homelessness, but it is a significant factor.
- People experience poverty differently, such as women with children.



Current Endorsements

- London Homeless Coalition
- London OW/ODSP Advocates
- London Housing Advisory Committee
- Anglican Deanery of London Clericus



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