



## Housing Division

# Homeless Coalition Monthly Update

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## PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION

### Update

- Housing Access Centre Definitions of Priority Status
- Housing Access Centre Statistical Update
- Housing Division Updates (if available)

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## HOUSING ACCESS CENTRE

The Housing Access Centre maintains the waitlist for Rent Geared to Income (RGI) housing by assigning one of the following four statuses to each eligible application (listed in order of priority ranking):

### Legislative

1. Special Priority Population (SPP) – Legislatively required to be housed first (Survivors of Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking)

### Local Priority (Council Approved)

1. Urgent (Homeless, Social, Medical) – Housed after all SPP's have been housed (based on application date – every 9 in 10 housed).
2. High Need
3. Chronological (based on application date – every 1 in 10 housed)

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## PRIORITY STATUS – SPECIAL POPULATION

To Qualify for Special Priority Population (SPP) Status an applicant must submit the following information:

- Complete a SPP Application (this is in addition to the standard RGI application): usually completed with the assistance from an 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Professional agency supporting the client through the abusive situation.
- Must provide proof of co-habitation showing the applicant lived with the abuser within the last 6 months.
- Must provide a letter of support from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Professional as above supporting the SPP status.

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## PRIORITY STATUS – URGENT HOMELESS

To Qualify for Urgent Homeless Priority Status:

- The applicant must complete an Urgent Homeless application (this is in addition to the standard RGI application).
- A person whose building has been condemned.
- The building has been destroyed.
- A person who is in hospital and cannot return to their former residence.
- A person living in shelter.
- A person without a permanent residence (e.g. Couch surfing).
- Letter of support from a 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Professional (unless they are residing in shelter).

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## PRIORITY STATUS – URGENT SOCIAL

To Qualify for Urgent Social Priority Status:

- The applicant must complete an Urgent Social application (this is in addition to the standard RGI application)
- A persons personal safety is significantly at risk and legal interventions have been exhausted.
- Someone who has been abused but they never lived with the abuser or its been more than 6 months since they lived together.
- A letter of support is provided.

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## PRIORITY STATUS – URGENT MEDICAL

To Qualify for Urgent Medical Priority Status:

- Person who is terminally ill.
- A person who is physically disabled to the point that they cannot live in their current accommodation.
- A person who must relocate to London for medical treatment due to serious physical problems.
- A separate urgent medical form must be completed by the applicant's doctor. Special needs and accommodation information is submitted on the required form.

Note: there is no urgent status for mental health or landlord/tenant issues

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## WAITLIST

Current Waitlist Statistics

Description	April	May	Difference	% Difference
Waitlist	3,837	4,040	+ 203	+ 5%
SPP	74	89	+ 15	+ 20%
Urgent Homeless	630	669	+ 39	+ 6%
Urgent Medical	165	166	+ 1	+ 1%
Urgent Social	157	157	+ 0	+ 0%

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## WAITLIST

Current Waitlist Unit Size Statistics

Description	April	May	Difference	% Difference
1 Bedroom	2,035	2,368	+ 333	+ 16%
2 Bedrooms	633	753	+ 120	+ 19%
3 Bedrooms	527	732	+ 205	+ 39%
4+ Bedrooms	555	566	+ 11	+ 2%

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Current Application Statistics

Description	April	May	Difference	% Difference
SPP	112	133	+ 26	+ 19%
Urgent Homeless	212	269	+ 58	+ 27%
Urgent Medical	51	61	+ 10	+ 20%
Urgent Social	21	28	+ 6	+ 33%
Applications	826	1,012	+ 186	+ 22%
Housed	38	25	- 13	

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## HOUSING DIVISION UPDATES

Updates

Housing Division is scheduled to present the following reports to Community and Protective Services Committee (June 18, 2018)

- GreenON Social Housing Program
- Social Housing Building Condition Assessment
- Portable Housing Benefit – Survivors of Domestic Violence
- Ontario Renovates

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## QUESTIONS



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