



OW Shelter Allowance: \$375
ODSP Shelter Allowance: \$475



Rent Geared to Income
As of April, 2019
4,897 people on wait list
142 – Special Priority
943 – Urgent homeless
190 – urgent medical
201 – urgent social



Wait Times
7 to 10 years!
Special Priority: maybe within a year



Shelters (unless)

- You are a family (Rotholme – full)
- You are a woman experiencing violence (Anova – full)
- You have a pet (not allowed)
- You are trying to stay free of drugs
- You have a mental illness (worsened by noise, crowds, violence)
- Fear of someone else using the shelter system



- Almost half: physical health lead to loss of housing.
- Almost half: mental health affects housing stability
- Almost half: have been assaulted while homeless (higher for women)
- Almost half: homeless due to abuse or trauma



What got us here?

- No will to build: goal of 0 tax increase over and above functional city
- Close mental health hospitals
- Property value increase
- Low vacancy rate



New plan provides hope

Political will is required to support investment & support creative options



Required immediately (may include):

- \$ for motel stays
- Additional staff for quick turnaround of vacant units
- Allow people to share w/o cutting shelter allowance
- Short-term rental top ups in private sector
- Area of land with services



Working Group

- Homelessness Prevention & Housing
- London Housing Corp.
- Planning Dept.
- Staff from: Anova, Mission (& Rotholme), Salvation Army (YOU), London Cares and Agencies with housing first support staff



The Ask

- Immediate support for working group
- Immediate Action
- Resources (\$) to support recommendations
- Political Will to invest in solutions when the new plan is completed
- The Will to do Better!