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### **United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Announces Update Regarding 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan**

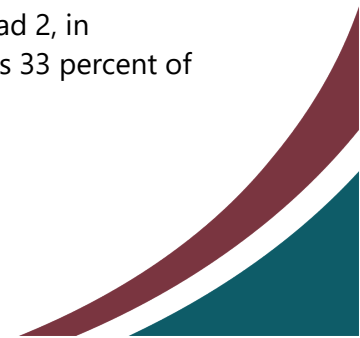
The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville has approved the 2025–2035 Housing and Homelessness Plan (HHP), a strategic framework designed to meet the evolving housing needs of our communities. The HHP was formally recommended by the Leeds Grenville Joint Services Committee (JSC), which includes all Members of Counties Council and the Mayors of the City of Brockville, Town of Gananoque, and Town of Prescott.

The Cooperative Care Centre (CCC) has played an important role in delivering emergency shelter services in Leeds and Grenville. We extend our appreciation to CCC staff for their dedication in serving some of the most vulnerable members of our community. As the Counties moves forward with the implementation of the HHP, Counties Council has decided to continue to provide the full amount of funding which would have funded the CCC up to March 31, 2026, though the final payment will occur in 2025. Counties staff will continue to work collaboratively with the CCC to ensure a smooth transition to those experiencing homelessness.

Homelessness remains a difficult and deeply personal reality for many individuals and families across our region. The Counties are reaffirming their commitment to supporting those most affected and ensuring that every resident has access to safe, stable, and dignified housing.

“I want to thank the Cooperative Care Centre for its dedication and commitment to serving some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Their efforts have made a meaningful difference during a time of great need,” said Warden Corinna Smith-Gatcke. “As we move forward, Council is confident in the 2025–2035 Housing and Homelessness Plan as a long-term solution to address housing challenges in Leeds and Grenville. This plan reflects our shared commitment to creating safe, stable, and supportive housing options for residents, and we look forward to working with our partners to make these goals a reality”.

A key component of the HHP is the expansion of permanent supportive housing. The Counties will prioritize the creation of 150 new supportive housing units over the next ten years, providing stable housing with integrated supports for individuals with complex needs. As part of this commitment, staff have implemented an additional 24 supportive housing units at 1805 County Road 2, in Brockville. With this project, the Counties will achieve 49 units in the first year, which is 33 percent of the overall goal.

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The HHP also introduces measures to improve service delivery and cost efficiency. Supported by funding from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, this approach ensures a financially sustainable model for long-term service delivery.

This plan reflects a strong commitment to serving the community and creating new, supportive spaces for residents. It includes clear goals and indicators to track progress and ensure accountability. With collaboration from community partners and service providers, the Counties are confident this plan will lead to meaningful improvements in housing outcomes and help build a more inclusive and resilient region.

If you or someone you know is experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity in Leeds and Grenville, please reach out to our Integrated Program Delivery Department. We are here to listen and help connect you with the supports and services you need. Contact us at 613-342-3840 ext. 2119, or visit <https://www.leedsgrenville.com/en/services/homelessness.aspx> for more information.

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