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NIAGARA DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WOMEN

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Join us on Wednesday October 9 for a Public Forum on Homelessness in Niagara - Community Solutions

Thirty-two years after the United Nations declared an International Year of Shelter for the Homeless in 1987, many municipalities across Canada today are facing a homelessness crisis.

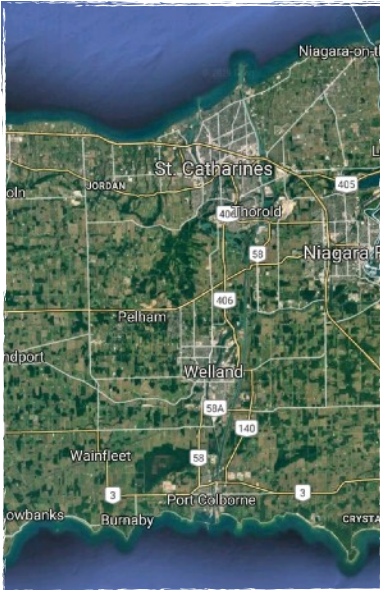
In Niagara, recent reports show that close to 9,000 Niagara residents will wait from 4 to 12 years for rent-geared-to-income housing and experts estimate that this Region is "short" over 23,000 units of affordable housing.

In response to this crisis, on-the-ground community service groups, Niagara Regional staff and cities like St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, are pulling together to help find solutions such as the bi-national *Road to Zero Homelessness* endeavour. They are also continuing to urge the federal and provincial governments to do their part by investing in affordable housing as promised.

Mills Room - St Catharines Library, 54 Church St.

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HOMELESSNESS IN NIAGARA COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

GUEST SPEAKERS

Karen Orlandi, Minister Silver Spire United Church, Bear Clan Program

Karrie Porter, St. Catharines City Councillor and staff at Start Me Up Niagara

Carolynn Ioananni, Niagara Falls City Councillor

Lori Beech, Executive Director of Bethlehem Place

