



Edmonton Faith Communities Talk Housing *Formal Call for Participation*

The steering committee of the Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative formally represents representatives from all three levels of government, and all political parties to join us as we discuss how to respond together to the current shortage of affordable and supportive housing in Edmonton, and across the country.

At this meeting, many different faith traditions (Muslim, Jewish, Evangelical, Catholic, Anglican, Sikh, Unitarian, Hindu, Lutheran, Christian Reformed, Mennonite, Quaker, Indigenous and numerous other traditions) will stand up together to express their shared concern about a growing challenge impacting friends, family members and neighbours in all our communities: affording a place to call home.

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Venue: Evangel Pentecostal Assembly (4461 50th Street, NW, Edmonton, Alberta)

Date: September 6, 2018

Timeframe: 10am until 1:30pm (Doors open at 9:30am with lunch provided at 12:30pm)

Agenda

9:30 am	–	Doors open
10:00	–	Welcome and Opening Ceremony
10:10	–	Faith Leaders from several traditions will speak to <i>how the shortage of affordable and supportive housing impacts all our communities.</i>
10:30	–	CRIHI Presentation on four critical priorities. (highlighted below)
10:45	–	People with lived experience share stories around tables.
11:15	–	Coffee break.
11:25	–	Five political leaders share an official response. (seven minutes each)
		1. The Mayor of Edmonton, or an Edmonton City Council designate
		2. The Prime Minister, or a designated representative from the federal Liberal Party of Canada
		3. The Leader of the Official Opposition, or a designated representative from the Conservative Party of Canada
		4. The Premier of Alberta, or a designated representative from the Alberta New Democratic Party
		5. The Leader of the official opposition, or a designated representative from the United Conservative Party of Alberta
12:15pm	–	Closing ceremony, blessing or prayer
12:30	–	Lunch provided by numerous faith communities*
1:30	–	Adjournment

*Over lunch, additional video statements will be taken in order for other political parties to share their response. To be featured as a formal record of the event.



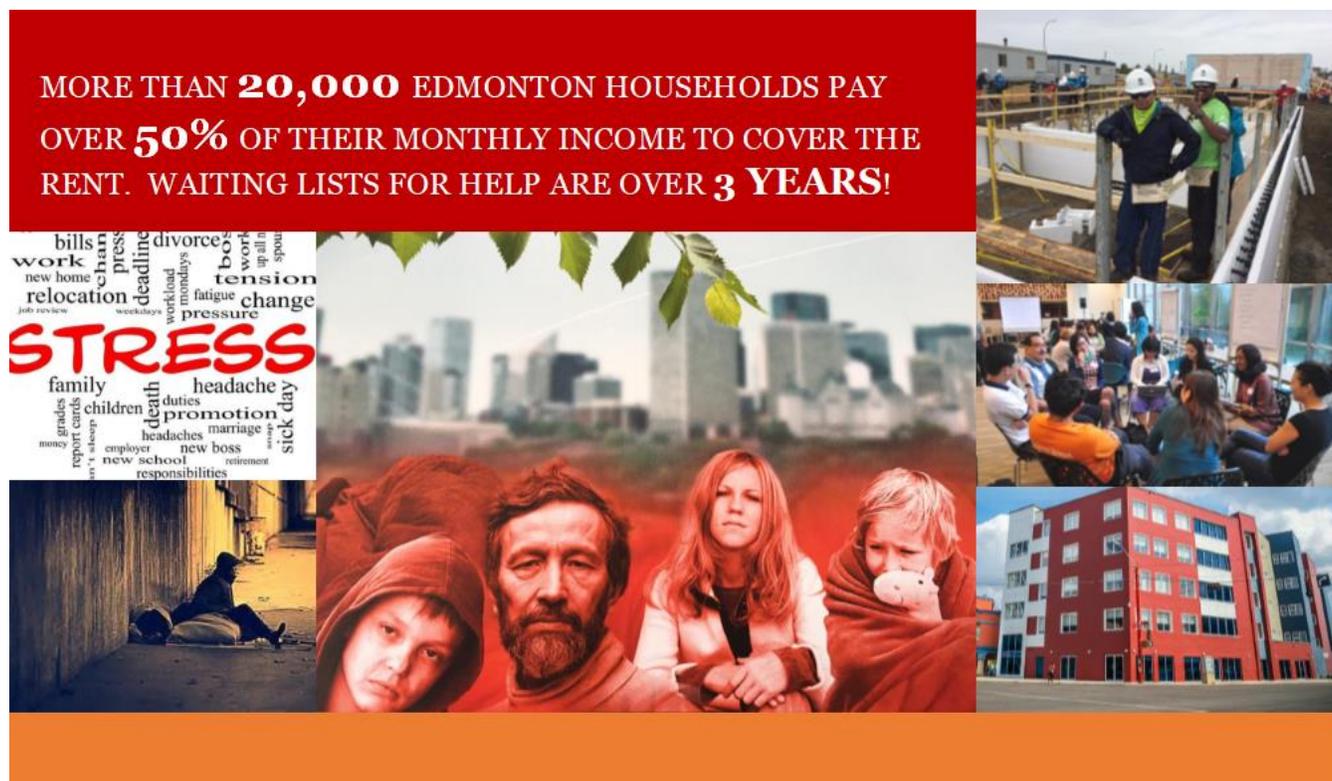
CRIHI names the following as *critical priorities* in addressing the current shortage of affordable and supportive housing:

1. the Portable Housing Benefit. A direct help for the 20,000+ households paying more than 50% of monthly income to rent.
2. Land, capital, and Long-term support funding for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). PSH has proved itself as direct and effective help for Edmonton’s most vulnerable citizens; providing those with multiple complex needs with appropriate longer-term support and care.
3. Increased funding for Mobile Support Workers (Ie. Home Care, Housing First support teams)
4. A vision for the way ahead: Support and encourage Canadian housing providers to shift efforts toward the Netherlands model*.

*Observation: in the Netherlands, housing providers currently house more than sixty percent of the country’s population in sustainable mixed market developments with breakdowns such as: 20% low income; 60% middle income; 20% high income. In these developments, high income housing helps pay for the low income housing to make it a sustainable model for market development. This system required some start up support, but now requires no government funding!

Please RSVP to this event at the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/edmonton-faith-communities-talk-housing-tickets-46856457927>

On behalf of the CRIHI Steering Committee, thank you in advance for your participation.



MORE THAN 20,000 EDMONTON HOUSEHOLDS PAY OVER 50% OF THEIR MONTHLY INCOME TO COVER THE RENT. WAITING LISTS FOR HELP ARE OVER 3 YEARS!

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