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“A Blueprint for Action: An Integrated Approach to Address the Ontario Housing Crisis”

AMO is pleased to release [“A Blueprint for Action: An Integrated Approach to Address the Ontario Housing Crisis”](#). The Blueprint takes a principle-based approach and outlines nearly 90 recommendations on how to guide collective action to build a strong housing sector throughout the province.

Ontario is facing a housing affordability and supply crisis. The Blueprint builds on AMO's longstanding positions and advocacy around housing and provides a new starting point for ongoing collaboration and collective work by all orders of government and the development sector to make a meaningful difference in Ontario communities. The Blueprint calls for a new collective mindset and transformative change to address the systemic issues around housing affordability over the long term.

We stand ready to work together with the province, federal government, and development sector to meet the long-term housing affordability needs of all Ontarians.

AMO Submission on *Fixing Long-Term Care Act* Phase 1 Regulations

The *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021* will come into effect in April 2022, along with the first phase of regulations. AMO has [submitted comments](#) through the regulatory registry on these Phase 1 regulations.

The proposed regulatory changes are significant and will cause an increased cost and regulatory burden for long-term care homes. AMO is asking the Ministry of Long-Term Care to commit to fully costing and funding the implementation of these regulatory changes and for implementation timelines to reflect the challenges of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

AMO has outlined 8 key principles that have informed the comments on each of the regulatory changes in the submission and looks forward to continuing to work with the Ministry and the sector on improving long-term care.

AMO Response to Proposed Regulatory Amendments for Community Housing

AMO responded with a [submission](#) to the regulatory posting concerning Ontario Regulation 367/11 under the *Housing Services Act, 2011* about new requirements for community housing including service agreements, service levels, and access. The proposed changes will have a significant impact for years to come with financial implications.

In our view, the regulations should follow in the spirit of the enabling legislative framework by maximizing local flexibility and not be overly prescriptive with significantly new requirements and rules that would increase administrative burden and additional costs. A new focus on outcomes, consistent with local Housing and Homelessness Plans, should be adopted as much as possible, immediately with future regulatory development.

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AMO's Call to End Homelessness

There is a rising homelessness crisis that exists amidst a housing affordability crisis, and it is taking a devastating toll on individuals and communities. The government's significant investment through the Social Services Relief Fund has mitigated some of the worst impacts of COVID-19 on the homeless population. This has literally saved lives during the pandemic. The implementation of by-name lists and enumeration by service managers are also important measures.

Increasing housing affordability is the primary solution; however, there is a range of actions that can be taken by all orders of government to prevent and break the cycle of homelessness. AMO is inviting the provincial government to work together to build on the productive work to date with AMO, municipalities, and District Social Services Administration Boards.

The next step is to come together to co-design and implement a plan of action to end homelessness in Ontario. With time, this is an achievable goal and there is a moral and economic imperative to act now. It is in the interest of all Ontarians. A proposal to the province, with five recommended foundational steps and twenty-three actions, can now be found on AMO's [website](#).

AMO Housing Paper Upcoming Release

AMO is actively engaging with municipal associations and the provincial government

on the housing crisis. Our white paper, **Blueprint for Action: An Integrated Approach to Address the Ontario Housing Crisis**, with recommendations will be available later this week. The paper acknowledges housing challenges in every part of Ontario. The province is anticipating its release, and it is expected that the paper can serve as a platform for integrated problem solving. The paper proposes clear actions for all orders of government and the development industry.

Managing Off-Load Delays

As ambulances face increasing offload times in hospitals, the Ministry of Health has now provided [guidance](#) should the expansion of consolidation (“batching”) of patients within the hospital be strategically needed to enable paramedic crews to return to service quickly. This practice has been used by various paramedic services across the province and this ministry direction is now providing a more consistent approach to “batching”.

Hospitals and paramedic services that are considering further expansion and formalization of the batching of patients may work towards establishing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the hospital(s) and paramedic service(s). This MOU is to include the assignment of liability and is to be done with appropriate municipal council/DSSAB approvals where the Single/Upper Tier Municipality/DSSAB employs and delivers paramedic services.

Additional information on Paramedic Guidance for Addressing 9-1-1 Patient Flow Issues in Hospitals due to COVID-19 Omicron Variant can be found in the Ministry’s memo.

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