

## **Collective Community Action**

### **Addressing the Lack of Affordable Housing in Etobicoke-Lakeshore**

#### **The Lakeshore Affordable Housing Advocacy & Action Group (LAHAAG)**

is a community led group of residents working on solutions to the affordable housing crisis. LAHAAG was formed over a year ago as a partnership between LAMP Community Health Centre, Albion Neighbourhood Services, Toronto Public Health, Humber College, Daily Bread Food Bank and community residents. The community led initiative was born out of a LAMP CHC Annual General Meeting on affordable housing with a call to action and collectively, we have responded.

To date, the group with more than 100 active members, has identified several locations and types of affordable housing (rent geared to income) that could be part of the solution to the housing crisis, and has led key engagement activities throughout this year including:

- A joint meeting with Etobicoke Lakeshore Councillor Mark Grimes' office, the City of Toronto Affordable Housing Office and the City of Toronto Planning Department
- A community consultation and report to inform the HousingTO action plan, which included local residents who are really struggling with housing issues like homelessness, living in the shelter system, and on the verge of losing their housing.
- A community meeting with Etobicoke Lakeshore MPP Christine Hogarth about affordable housing issues and a submission to the Ontario Government's Consultation: Increasing Housing Supply in Ontario.
- Tenant's Rights workshops with South Etobicoke Legal Services and Tenant Organizing with The Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations
- Deputations and input into the City of Toronto's draft inclusionary zoning policy, secondary suites and rooming house policies.

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Today LAHAAG is coordinated by a core group of devoted individuals who meet regularly to guide the group's action and direction. Many LAHAAG members spend long hours researching and spreading the word about new or innovative housing initiatives, and the group shows potential for years of continued positive change.

To get involved or learn more about the group please contact Jasmin Dooh at 416-252-6471 ext. 308.