

# Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness and Community Safety

## Terms of Reference

January 2019



### Background

Guelph's Mayor, Cam Guthrie, pledged to assemble a task force in partnership with County of Wellington Warden Kelly Linton to address the issue of homelessness in the city and the related issues of addiction, mental health concerns, and community safety.

### Mandate

The Task Force's mandate is to identify key priorities for action and investment to address both emergent needs and the root causes of homelessness, addiction, mental health issues, and their links to community safety.

The Task Force will develop a priority list of recommendations that will be pursued through advocacy, budget requests to City Council, requests to other levels of government, and/or partnerships among agencies and governments.

### Membership

Membership will be by invitation of the Mayor of Guelph or Warden of Wellington County. It will include at least one representative from each of the Wellington Guelph Drug Strategy and the Guelph and Wellington Task Force for Poverty Elimination, at least one representative from each of the City of Guelph and the County of Wellington, and at least one peer representative. The membership list will be made public.

### Minutes

The Mayor's Office will take minutes of the meetings. The meetings will be summarized on the mayor's blog.

### Roles and Responsibilities

Members will:

- liaise with the organizations they represent and bring forward advice, research and evaluation, and feedback.
- work to identify a priority list of initiatives that would fill gaps that currently exist.
- participate in advocacy efforts.

Members will strive to operate in consensus mode, openly discussing issues and seeking common ground.