

Have a “HART”!

PROPOSED: A VERY VISIBLE City of Calgary Community-Wide Strategy-Campaign to IMMEDIATELY address Calgary’s growing HOUSING EMERGENCY.

Because Calgarians “wear their hearts on their sleeves” and because the “HART folks”* are some of the most vulnerable in need of adequate, affordable, accessible housing and can be the targets of profit-maximizing strategies of landlords resulting in housing unaffordability and homelessness.

*HART Housing Needs Assessment Tool – see <https://hart.ubc.ca/housing-needs-assessment-tool/>

HELP is NOW – it involves ALL of us - LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND!

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 “CORE HOUSING NEED”
Excludes 2023, Excludes 2024
 HART Housing Needs Assessment Tool

LOWER RENT-GOUGED RENT & MORE!

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I spoke before The City of Calgary Council on April 30, 2024 at the time of the ZONING public hearings and I provided detailed information.

Enough is enough!

"Canada's housing crisis has reached catastrophic proportions and it is only getting worse...we cannot count on the for-profit housing industry to fix the problem..."

Prioritizing people over profit is the way forward on the housing crisis - The Star Calgary, OPINION: Marie-Josée Houle, Federal Housing Advocate - September 7, 2023

- LOWER RENT-GOUGED RENT**
- NATIONAL RENT FREEZE**
- NATIONAL EVICTION FREEZE**
- & MORE!**

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In Canada, you have a right to "adequate" housing as per the National Housing Strategy Act, 2019 and international law - including the United Nations International Covenant on Social, Economic & Cultural Rights.

- Affordability - so you can enjoy other human rights such as health, work, etc.
- Habitability - safe, healthy and secure
- Security of tenure/stay - free from illegal evictions, harassment & other threats
- Accessibility - to meet the needs of those with disabilities (physical, mental)
- Location - access to employment, education, health-care & social services
- Availability of services - including safe drinking water, adequate sanitation, affordable heating
- Cultural Adequacy - enable the expression of your cultural identity

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STOP THE LOSS.
BUILD THE RIGHT HOUSING.
FOCUS on PRIORITY POPULATIONS in CORE HOUSING NEED in Calgary (CD), Census 2021.
(HH = Households)



- Single mother-led HH (20.92%)
- HH Head over 85 (18.53%); HH over 65 (12.69%); HH under 25 (16.19%)
- Refugee-claimant-led HH (16.04%); NEW migrant-led HH (13.37%)
- Indigenous-led HH (13.40%); Women-led HH (12.59%)
- Black-led HH (15.09%); Visible minority HH (9.88%); HH with physical activity limitation (8.06%), HH with cognitive, mental or addictions activity limitation (7.94%)

Calgary (CD) 2021 Affordable Housing Deficit

Income Category	Affordable Shelter Cost (2015 CAD\$)	1 Person HH*	2 Person HH*	3 Person HH*	4 Person HH*	5+ Person HH*	Total
Very low income: <=\$20,200	<=\$595	5,810	1,230	420	115	55	7,630
Low income: \$20,200 - \$50,500	\$505 - \$1,262**	22,245	11,770	5,185	2,635	1,425	43,260
Moderate income: \$50,500 - \$80,800	\$1,263 - \$2,020	0	460	1,015	1,215	1,860	4,550
Median income: \$80,800 - \$121,000	\$2,020 - \$3,030	0	0	0	0	0	0
High income: >=\$121,000	>=\$3,031	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		28,055	13,460	6,620	3,965	3,340	55,440

*HH = Household **\$1,262/\$1,263

**HART (Housing Assessment Resource Tools)
Housing Needs Assessment Tool**

<https://hart.ubc.ca/housing-needs-assessment-tool/>

Marie-Josée Houle, Federal Housing Advocate asked House of Commons "HUMA" Committee to call industry witnesses and their DATA



Federal Housing Advocate wants industry witnesses to account for their practices that undermine housing affordability, security of tenure and habitability.



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HOUSING is a HUMAN RIGHT is the LAW - NOT an option to be IGNORED. NOT a GAME to PLAY. We need REAL HELP – RIGHT NOW!

- Canadians have the right to [adequate housing](#) as per [National Housing Strategy Act, 2019](#) and [International Law \(United Nations International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights\)](#) and as upheld in the highest courts in CANADA - see [\[2020 SCC 5 \(CanLII\)\] | Nevsun Resources Ltd. v. Araya | CanLII](#) - "*International human rights norms ...(are) moral imperatives and legal necessities*".
- The right to [adequate housing](#) includes: affordability; accessibility; security of tenure – including protection against forced evictions, harassment and other threats; habitability – safe and healthy; availability of services, materials, facilities & infrastructure; location to provide access to key services; and cultural adequacy. See [The Right to Housing 101](#) by the [National Right to Housing Network](#).

Of course, RENT CAPS – HOUSING is a HUMAN RIGHT!

[COVID-19 and The Right to Housing: Impacts and the way forward- A/75/148](#) – Mr. Balakrishnan Rajagopal, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing

LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND!

- Allocate sufficient resources.
- End forced evictions. End sweeping of encampments and house the homeless.
- Provide subsidies to renters and small landlords.
- Ensure no one pays more than 30 per cent of household income.
- Constrain private equity firms as landlords.
- Protect renters (with landlord licensing, public DATA tracking...).
- And MORE!



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