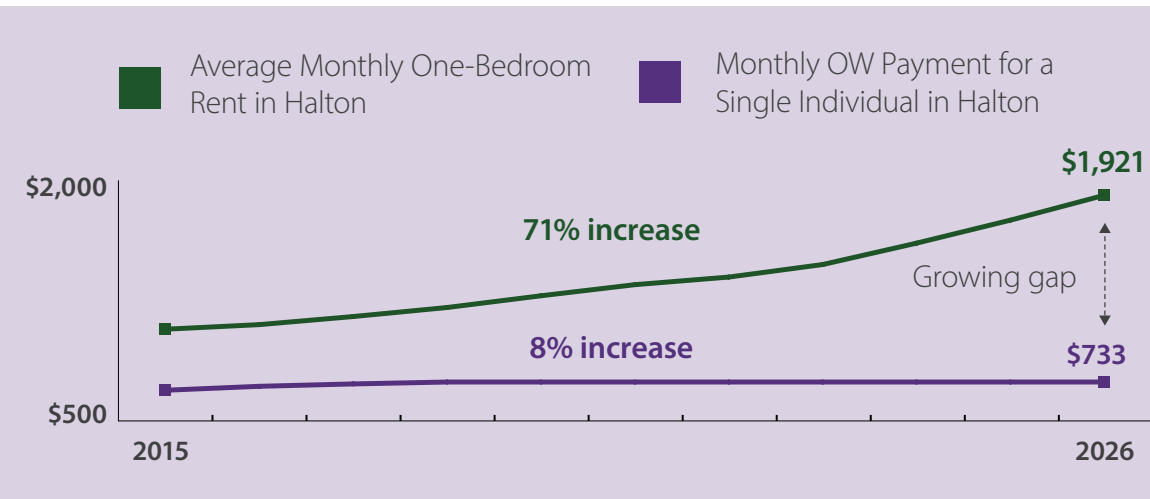


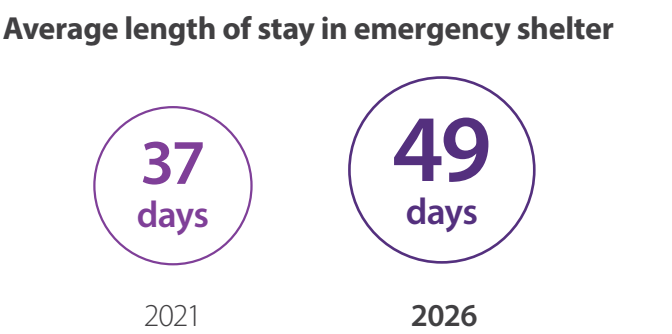
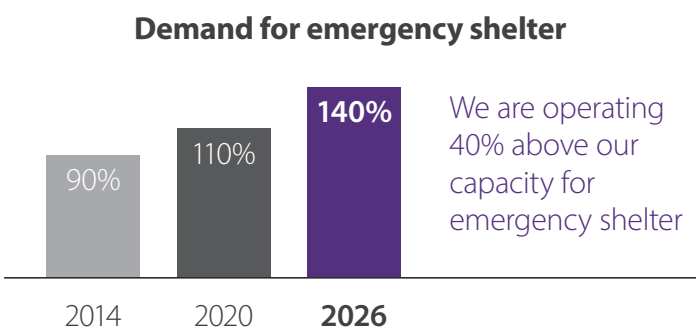
Market rentals are out of reach for more and more Ontarians

- Across Ontario, average market rent has increased while social assistance programs, like Ontario Works (OW) have remained static
- Halton’s Average Monthly Rent is one of the highest in the GTA leaving a growing number of households unable to participate in private market rental housing



We are facing increased demands for homelessness services and supports

High market rental costs and the growing mental health and addictions crises are increasing demand for emergency shelter and people are staying in shelters for longer periods of time



Individuals experiencing homelessness in Halton are struggling with mental health and addictions



76% are struggling with their mental health



47% are facing substance use issues

In 2024, a third-party consultant report identified a need for 165 units of dedicated supportive housing to meet demand in Halton and prevent higher emergency shelter use, street homelessness and encampments.



There is also significant demand for assisted housing in our community

5,608 existing assisted housing units

8,581 individuals and families on wait list

75% of those on the waitlist earn less than \$30,000/year

It will take 11 years to house the current waitlist

The Provincial Government can support us in delivering housing for those with the greatest need by:

- 1 Increasing Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) funding
- 2 Increasing social assistance rates and providing greater flexibility to improve housing stability outcomes
- 3 Increasing coordination across all three levels of government including key provincial ministries and agencies (MMAH, MCCSS, Ontario Health) to address the homelessness, income security, mental health and addictions crises
- 4 Providing dedicated operating funding for new supportive housing units
- 5 Working with the Federal Government on the renewal of the National Housing Strategy to ensure the continued flow of funding to enable municipalities, including Halton, to increase the supply of assisted and supportive housing, preserve existing housing stock and deliver affordability supports
- 6 Partnering with us to get our shovel-ready assisted and supportive housing properties built faster including committing funding to help advance our projects submitted to Build Canada Homes



There is opportunity to partner with us to get shovel-ready properties built as fast as possible and deliver more units to meet increasing demand.

Scan the QR code to learn about our 658 shovel-ready units, 5 projects in progress and 8 projects recently completed

