### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FEBRUARY 19, 2007

# MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON WOMEN'S SHELTER NEEDS FINAL REPORT

### Recommendation

The Chair of the Mayor's Task Force on Women's Shelter Needs recommends that Council receive the following report in completion of the mandate.

### **Economic Impact**

N/A

### Purpose

The purpose of the Mayor's Task Force on Women's Shelter Needs was to identify whether the need for a shelter on the part of the women of Vaughan is currently being met, and if not, to outline a strategy for developing such a facility. This final report is to inform Council of the accomplishments of the Mayor's Task Force on Women's Shelter Needs, as mandated.

### **Background and Analysis**

The Mayor's Task Force on Women's Shelter Needs was approved by Council on June 26, 2006 to investigate whether the need for a shelter on the part of the women of Vaughan is currently being met, and if not, to outline a strategy for developing such a facility. Such a strategy is to include, but not be limited to, issues such as capital and operational costs, sources of funding, size, location, related resources, etc.

The Task Force has contacted several emergency agencies in York Region including:

- Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Care Centre
- Vitanova Foundation
- . Women's Sexual Assault Helpline and Outreach Services of York Region
- . Women's Support Network of York Region
- York Region Abuse Program
- . Sandgate Women's Shelter of Georgina
- . Yellow Brick House
- . Porter Place Family Shelter
- . VICARS Victim Crisis Assistance and Referral Service
- . York Region Youth Shelter

As a result, the Task Force has identified the following:

- Consulted agencies verified that the incidence of domestic violence in Vaughan is comparable to that in any other municipality in Ontario;
- According to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services Quarterly Reports for 2006, 1004 females were victims of abuse. These statistics have been provided to the Ministry by York Regional Police. Furthermore, A representative from the York Regional Police informed a member of the Task Force that this number is not indicative of the actual number of cases of abuse since a greater number goes unreported;
- The shelter needs of domestic violence victims are not being adequately addressed. York Region (population 950,674 as of December 2006) is extremely under-resourced in

terms of this vital social service having only two shelters, one in Aurora and one in Georgina compared to Peel Region (population 1,080,000 as of December 2006) which has four and Durham Region (population 600,000 as of December 2006) which has five. Lack of funding has resulted in insufficient shelter spaces, and consequent waiting lists. Abused women are forced to leave the region to receive protection from their abusers, as occupancy rates for existing shelters in the region are 99.8% for most of the year, leaving no space. More importantly, many women refuse to leave their abusive homes if it means uprooting their children from their schools;

- The problems with respect to shelter capacity are compounded by the lack of parallel services (i.e. affordable housing, outreach counselors, interpretation services, etc.). Moreover, there are presently no existing programs intended to re-habilitate the abuser, which leads to repeated incidences of domestic abuse;
- . The consensus is that any shelter should be safe and secure, centrally located in Vaughan, in a confidential location, and with access to public transit (or, in the alternative, some volunteer-based transport service);
- Awareness of the existence of the Task Force has been spread by local and regional media reports, and resulted in indications of widespread interest in this matter.

Upon consultation with Members of Council and other women shelter initiatives, the Task Force determined that increased service would best be met by establishing a women's shelter in the City of Vaughan.

The following strategy addresses basic questions relating to costs:

### Operational

The study goes well beyond identifying the need for a women's shelter in Vaughan. Based on the projected costs obtained from an existing agency, we have determined that expenses for a fifteen-bed shelter and outreach counseling services will cost an estimated \$512,000 per annum.

### Capital

It is projected that approximately \$250,000 will be required to bring the proposed location up to acceptable standards set by the Ministry.

### **Funding Options**

Ministry of Community and Social Services; autonomous fundraising; Provincial and Federal sources.

### Size

The administrative facility is approximately 2,000 square feet; the future housing facility is approximately 16, 000 square feet on two floors.

### Location

The location of the shelter is confidential, however, we can state that the shelter is located in the City of Vaughan.

### Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

The establishment of the Task Force to investigate the need for a women's shelter in the City of Vaughan demonstrates that Vaughan's Vision 2007 includes the protection of women and children in dangerous environments. Furthermore, this report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council for serving our citizens and promoting community safety, health and wellness.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, the mandate of the Mayor's Task Force on Women's Shelter Needs was to identify whether the need for a shelter on the part of the women of the City of Vaughan is currently being met (outlined in the aforementioned Background and Analysis section) and if not, to outline a strategy for developing such a facility. The strategy is outlined above in operational costs, capital costs, funding, size and location. The Task Force has investigated this matter as directed, and requests that Council receive this report in completion to our mandate.

With the completion of this report, which meets the Council's mandate, the Members of the Mayor's Task Force on Women's Shelter Needs have successfully created awareness of domestic violence in the City of Vaughan. This has aroused the sympathy of a philanthropist in the community who has provided the use of a location.

Further recognition and acknowledgement of this great accomplishment has come from the Premier of Ontario to the philanthropist, in the form of a letter, thanking him for his generous contribution to this important cause.

### **Attachment**

- 1. Sample of questionnaire sent to agencies involved in domestic violence
- 2. Summary of questionnaires received from agencies
- 3. Letter of support received from Chief Superintendent, RCMP (Retired)
- 4. Two newspaper articles relating to domestic violence in York Region
- 5. Statistics regarding domestic violence occurrences from 2004 to 2006
- Website information on women's shelters in other regions, which demonstrates the difficulty in accessing the same information in York Region
- 7. Spreadsheet of projected operational costs

### Report prepared by:

Gloria Hardychuk, Assistant City Clerk on behalf of the Mayor's Task Force on Women's Shelter Needs

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Margolese, Chair Mayor's Task Force on Women's Shelter Needs

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# MAYOR'S TASK FORCE RE. THE NEED FOR A WOMEN'S SHELTER IN THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

ROLE OF TASK FORCE: To determine the current and future demand for such services for residents of the City of Vaughan

### **QUESTIONNAIRE:**

NAME OF AGENCY RESPONDING:
ADDRESS:
TELPHONE NUMBER:
E-MAIL ADDRESS:
FAX NUMBER:
YOUR NAME AND TITLE (please print):
1. What is your assessment as to the extent and nature of abuse in the City of Vaughan?
2. What is the degree of effectiveness with which it is currently being addressed?
3. Do you feel that there is a need for more shelter services for the women residents of Vaughan?
4. If so, how best do you feel this need can be met –
a. an independent, Vaughan-based initiative, or –
b. an initiative fostered by the City of Vaughan, supporting

current service providers in York Region, which would

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result in extending their services to women residents in the

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- 5. What are your recommendations for the enhancement of women's shelter capacity in order to better serve the women of Vaughan?
- 6. Any suggestions as to size, location?
- 7. We may be holding a number of forums in the City of Vaughan to help determine whether there is a need for a women's shelter in Vaughan
  - a. what are your thoughts on that?
  - b. are you interested in being involved in the forum?
  - c. Do you have any suggestions for the format of the forum?
- 8. What other strategies or methods do you suggest to reach those who cannot attend?
- 9. Do you see our having an e-mail and/or voice mail option for people to contact us as viable?

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### **QUESTIONNAIRE SUMMARY**

- 1. Extent/nature of abuse in the City of Vaughan:
  - domestic violence is a societal cancer, affecting every community. Effects victim and even more detrimental on children
  - Yellow Brick House 12% clients are from City of Vaughan
  - Mirrors extent and nature of abuse in rest of GTA.
  - Gillian Freeman, E.D., Victim Services of York Region Inc., "domestic violence is the highest percentage of calls".
- 2. Degree of effectiveness currently being addressed:
  - presently no shelters in City of Vaughan, so to no degree, and shelters in York Region always at capacity.
  - many woman will not leave abusive home to go to shelter far from their kids' schools
  - many women and children requiring services need to leave region because of long waiting lists and lack of shelter space
  - effectiveness diminished due to lack of funding
- 3. Is there is a need for more shelter services for women of Vaughan:
  - There is a desperate need for a shelter in Vaughan as well as Richmond Hill and Markham
  - yes. Abused women must leave region to receive protection from their abusers.

- Occupancy rate for shelters is 99.8% for the year, leaving no space.
- Yes, I would say so.

- 4. If so, how best can need be met a) independent, Vaughan-based initiative, or b) an initiative of Vaughan, supporting current service providers in York Region, extending their services to women in Vaughan.
  - a) makes most sense, since there is no shelter to enhance
  - b) support of current service providers
  - b) I do not believe in "reinventing the wheel" when already service providers in the field.

Note: Some agencies have offered to extend the necessary services.

- 5. Your recommendations for enhanced shelter capacity:
  - build one first, then enhance it once you see how its managing needs of community
  - if remain with current 2 shelters, must increase no. affordable housing for women leaving abusive situations.
  - there is a lack of counsellors to provide support to women and children. (responding agency) could expand shelter capacity
- 6. Suggestions as to size, location:

- Should be located centally, accessible by public transit. Speak to other 2 shelters in region re. size and kind of space needed
- Location should be fairly central, 3 bedroom home to house 15 women and children (4 people to sleep in ea. Room, with a crib)
- 20 beds at a secure, confidential location
- 7. If holding forum in Vaughan to determine need, a) your thoughts, b) are you interested in being involved, c) your suggestions for forum format:
  - cannot commit and re. suggestions, not without knowing who hope to attract
  - absolutely. Should include experts (counsellors, e.d's., lawyers, doctors) and general public to receive info. Prior to forum
  - good idea. Yes. Re. format actions to date on task force, then request for comments, suggestions, views for later review by task force
  - not a good idea because women who need to attend most, could not attend a public forum
  - forum may not be a positive move because there are some powerful men in Vaughan who would not support a shelter because
    - They do not understand danger to women and children
    - People need to actually be convinced that it is an issue
    - Families who have immigrated from other countries, and even second generational families who have seen abuse "as a family norm" would dismiss the idea of a shelter
- 8. Suggestion for other strategies/methods to reach those who cannot attend:

- utilization of mail notices and cooperation from local churches
- voice mailbox and e-mailbox at City of Vaughan, accessible only by task force
- 9. Is an e-mail and/or voice mail option for people to contact us viable:
  - no comment
  - absolutely. Will assist to reach those unable to attend. Message should be in a no. of languages
  - voicemail/e-mail boxes at City of Vaughan accessible only by task force recommended



### SOAVE STRATEGY GROUP

September 14, 2006

Ms. Arlene Margolese Manager, Volunteer Services & Judaic Programming REENA 927 Clark Avenue West Thornhill, Ontario L4J 8G6

Dear Ms. Margolese

It has recently come to my attention that the City of Vaughan is considering the establishment of a women's shelter and/or enhancing women's shelter capacity to better serve the women of Vaughan.

I strongly endorse the construction of a women's shelter in Vaughan both as a business taxpayer in Vaughan with life-long ties to the community and in my previous experience as Chief Superintendent of the RCMP.

The City of Vaughan is one the fastest growing and most vibrant communities in Canada. A women's shelter in the community, serving families in the community, is overdue. I am aware of only two shelters in York region and, in my opinion, they are both too distant to adequately assist women and children in crisis.

The City of Vaughan would do itself, its residents and business owners proud to see such a facility established.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Soave President SSG Chief Superintendent, RCMP (Retired)

# Women need housing: shelter directors

BY MICHAEL POWER
Staff Writer

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"You can really quickly make that link to what our rent rates are in York Region," she said. "You couldn't get a student apartment on what you get on Ontario Works in York Region."

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BY MARTIN DERBYSHIRE Staff Writer

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York Region

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Meet with a Settlement Worker



Call your Community Information Center



### Major Immigrant/Refugee Settlement Services

### The following organization:

Helps newly arrived immigrants and refugees settle in Canada by providing orientations to their new communities and guidance and support to access government and community services.

Provides information on social services, schools, health care, housing and recreational facilities; assistance in completing forms; arranges for interpreters and translators; résumé preparation and employment counselling; information about English as a Second Language training.

### Regional Resources

- Online Map
- York Region Online
- **Community Informa** and Volunteer Cent York Region

http://www.settlement.org/sys/regions\_detail.asp?doc\_id=1002934

Catholic Community Services of York Region - York Region
Unit 15, 7170 Warden Avenue, Markham - Tel: (905) 415-9537
21 Dunlop Street, Richmond Hill - Tel: (905) 770-7040 or Toll-free 1-800-263-2075

### **COSTI Immigrant Services** - Vaughan

7800 Highway 7 West, Woodbridge

Tel: (905) 669-5627

### Centre for Information and Community Services of Ontario - York

Region

5000 Highway 7 East, Upper Level (next to Sears), Markham

Tel: (905) 474-1275

### Education

### School Boards

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=238
Provide education for children and youth from kindergarten to High School.

### **Adult Education**

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=29
Provide educational programs for adults including computer training, career exploration, business courses, mathematics, English and communications. Some programs have fees.

### Colleges

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=430 Provide full and part time diploma, certificate and general interest programs. Programs have fees.

### Universities

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=2204
Provide post-secondary educational programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Also offers certificate programs, short courses and continuing education workshops. Programs have fees.

### **English Classes**

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=711
Provide English As a Second Languages (ESL) classes for newcomers. Some classes are only available for new immigrants who have been in Canada for less than 3 years. Call for more information.

### Language Assessment

http://york.cioc.ca/details.asp?RSN=8264 Provides assessment of English language skills and makes referral to English classes in the community.

### Translation/Interpretation Service

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=1185
Provides translators and interpreters in many languages. Some services provided for a fee.

### **Literacy Services**

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=1288
Provide telephone information and referral for adult literacy, upgrading and

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English as a Second Language programs in York Region and area.

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### **Employment**

### **Job Search Workshops for Newcomers**

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?STerms=job+search+workshop Provide 3 or 4-day job search workshops for newcomers, with a focus on job search information, an understanding of the labour market, effective résumé writing techniques and successful interview techniques, sources of job leads and help to find and contact employers.

### **Employment Resource Centre**

http://york.cloc.ca/results.asp?STerms=employment+resource+centre Provide assistance for people looking for jobs, career direction or starting their own business, including information and workshops on local labour market, assistance with career planning, job search techniques, interview skills, résumé bullding. Provide access to job posting board; access to the Internet for job searches as well as free or low cost access to computers, telephones, fax machines and photocopying. Business directories, job search materials, and labour market information are also available.

### **Human Resource Centre Canada**

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?STerms=human+resource+centre
Provides job search information and resources including access to
computers, Internet access, head-hunter and search firm guides, sample
cover letters and résumés, career assessment and transition software.
Also has photocopier accessible for copying résumés and cover letters,
free faxing to HRSDC posted Job Vacancies, and access to Job Bank. Most
services are self-directed. Provides applications for Social Insurance Numbers
and for programs such as Employment Insurance and the Canada Pension
Plan.

### Youth Employment

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?
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Provide employment support service to youth between the ages of 16 and 24 (sometimes up to age 30), who are no longer in school and not working.
Provide employment counselling, résumé writing, job interview skill training and help with job search.

### **Volunteer Action Centre**

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=2247
Provides information about volunteer opportunities in the community.

### Self-employment Help

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=1898
Provides information about how to start a business. Services include initial consultation, resources and workshops to people who want to open a new business.

### **Ontario Works**

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=2274Provides short-term

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financial assistance to people who are unable to find work or are temporarily unable to work through the Ontario Works program. There are eligibility criteria you must meet in order to qualify.

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### Health

### **OHIP Office**

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=990
Provides information about the Ontario Health (OHIP) card. Visit to apply for or renew health card. Report stolen, lost, damaged health cards.

### Hospitals

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=1077
Provide emergency medical care, a 24-hour emergency department.

### **Community Health Centres**

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=449

Provide non-emergency health promotion programs for individuals, families and communities, including culturally-sensitive care in different languages, anti-racism programs, sexual health education, parenting education, support for teenage mothers, drop-in programs for youth. You may be eligible for services at a CHC even if you do not have a Health Card. Call for more information.

### **Public Health Department**

http://york.cloc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=1736

Provides public health information to promote and protect health and prevent disease. Services include public health nurses, children's programs, mental health promotion, immunization/vaccination, sexual health, quitting smoking, dental health and heart health and cancer prevention.

### **Emergency Women's Shelters**

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=1935

Provide emergency shelter and support to physically, sexually and emotionally abused women and their children. Provide confidential telephone support and counselling to victims of sexual assault, their friends and family members.

### **Distress Centres**

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=613

Provide telephone hotlines to people in need of immediate emotional support, crisis intervention or suicide prevention. Available 24 hours a day.

### Food Banks

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=833

Provides information on food banks, community kitchens, Good Food Box locations, school-based meal programs and other nutrition programs.

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### **Community Information Centre**

http://york.cioc.ca/details.asp?RSN=14152
Provides information about community service agencies in York
Region and area. Focus is on nonprofit and government agencies
providing human services: health, financial, legal, housing,
counselling, employment. Also has information on a variety of other
organizations - service clubs, cultural groups, professional and
business associations, sports groups, ethnocultural groups.

### **Housing Help Centre**

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?STerms=housing+help+centre Provides information for people looking for housing. May have housing directory and support for landlord/tenant problems. See Legal Services for landlord/tenant legal legal help.

### Subsidized/Public Housing

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=1309
Provide information and applications for subsidized housing.

### **Homeless Shelter**

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=1054 Provides a one-stop information and referral service for emergency shelter for the homeless.

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### Community and Recreation

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### **Recreation Facilities**

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=1780
Provide recreation programs and activities for people of all ages in recreation centres and facilities across the city, including community centres and park programs.

### Libraries

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=1272
Provide access to books, magazines, videos, movies, newspapers, large print and talking books, compact discs, computers and Internet. Material in different languages. Have programs and workshops for children and adults. Most services are free, but you need a library card to borrow books and other materials.

### Local YMCA

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?STerms=ymca&SType=A&CMType=L Provides fitness, health and recreation, swimming, pre-school, educational and social programs for children, youth and adults. Most programs have fees.

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### **Senior Centres**

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=1903
Provide social activities, recreation and community services for seniors 55 years of age and older.

### **Child Care**

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=797,364
Provides information and referral to child care services in the community.

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### **Consumer Information**

### Public Transportation

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=1744
Provides public (bus) transportation in York Region. Call for bus route and fare information.

### Accessible transportation

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=10
Provide public transportation for people with a physical disability who are unable to use conventional transit, meet the criteria, and who live within the specified areas.

### **Driver Licences/Vehicle Registation Office - Driver Exam Centre**

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=635

Provide driver's licence renewal, car and truck registration, licence plate and licence plate renewal stickers. Provide driver examinations services such as vision test, written and road tests for all licence classes.

### **Credit/Financial Counselling Services**

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=522

Provides credit counselling and money management help for people who have debt problems. Call to make appointment.

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### **Related Information**

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### **Immigration and Citizenship**

### Settlement/Immigrant Serving Agencies

The following organization:

Helps newly arrived immigrants and refugees access local services. Services include short-term supportive counselling, referrals to education, government and community services.

Provides information on social services, schools, health care, housing and recreational facilities; assistance in completing forms; arranges for interpreters and translators; résumé preparation and employment counselling; information about English as a Second Language training.

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Citizenship and Immigration Canada Call Centre

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=1117
Provides a 24-hour automated responses to general questions about citizenship and immigration. Operators can provide specific answers to your inquiries, feedback on applications (they cannot make decisions on applications that are being processed) and requests for forms and application between 8:00am - 4:00pm, Monday - Friday.

Citizenship Classes

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=402 Provide citizenship classes for immigrants who are preparing for the Canadian citizenship test.

**Passport Office** 

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=1575 Provides information and services for passport and travel document (including refugee travel documents) applications.

For more information about immigration and Citizenship programs in York Region and Area, visit Community information and Volunteer Centre of York Region or contact a local partner. Full time information and Referral Centres are available at information Markham and Volunteer Centre at (305) 415-7500, information Aurora at (905) 727-8214, Helpmate Information Centre and Volunteer Bureau at (905) 884-3000, or Newmarket Public Library Community Information Services at (905) 953-5110.

### **Legal Services**

### **Community Legal Clinics**

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=1257
Provide legal representation and advice to people with problems related to workers safety and insurance board, Employment Insurance, Ontario Works, Canada Pension Plan, refugee and immigration law, housing and human rights.

### Legal Aid

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=1256
Provide legal aid certificates to low-income clients for specified legal services. Requires clients to show income and assets and specific information about their legal problem to determine their eligibility for free service. Call for information.

### Police

http://york.cioc.ca/results.asp?SubjID=1433 For general information, to report an accident and non emergencies call the numbers listed below. For emergencies dial 911.

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# Peel Housing Programs & Initiatives

Homelessness in Peel - Shelters for the Homeless

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Profile: Peel Family Shelter

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Shelters are a part of Peel's comprehensive Continuum of Care model supports and services. The continuum is a network of interlocking interventions, running from prevention initiatives, to the outreach progra to emergency shelters and transitional housing, and beyond to housing, employment, and life-skills supports to keep vulnerable households on track and stable.

Individuals can stay in one of the Region's emergency shelter for two weeks after which they must apply for Ontario Works assistance. Staff from Ontario Works in Peel visit each shelter to take applications for assistance. At that time a case plan is completed to determine whether individual qualifies to continue receiving emergency financial and progra assistance. Intensive housing and employment support are a core part these case plans. Each Region of Peel shelter is able to house individua in overflow beds if the regular beds are full. If the overflow beds also fill temporarily shelter is arranged at an overflow facility.

Peel's Homeless Shelters and Services

### Women's & Men's Shelters

· Wilkinson Road Shelter, Region of Peel, Brampton. 905-

452-1335

 Mavis Road Shelter, Region of Peel, Mississauga. 905-848-0515

### Women's & Children's Shelters

- Salvation Army Family Life Resource Centre, Brampton, 905-451-4115
- Interim Place I, Mississauga, 905-403-0864
- Interim Place II, Mississauga, 905-676-8515

### Youth Shelter, Long-Term

Our Place Peel, Brampton. 905-454-1048

### Youth Shelter, Short-Term

Our Place Peel II, Mississauga. 905-238-1383

### **Family Shelter**

Region of Peel Family Shelter, Mississauga. 905-272-7061

### Men's Long-Term Shelter

• St. Leonard's House, Brampton, 905-457-8312

### **Hostel for Expectant Mothers**

• Vita Manor, Mississauga. 905-858-0329

Homeless individuals should be referred to Ontario Works in Peel at 90: 793-9200 during business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday), or The After Hours Line at 905-451-6108 at all other times.

Other support resources are available through:

- Street Helpline Peel Peel's street outreach program: 905-848-HE (4357) or free from any pay phone at 0-905-848-HELP (4357)
- Preventing Homelessness in Peel Program (PHIPP) PHIPP can provide one-time assistance with rent and utilities: 905-793-9200
- Community Care Access Centre of Peel Support and assistance with day-to-day needs: 905-796-0040 or 1-888-733-1177

# Durham Response to Woman Abuse

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### Need Help Now?

Who you call for help:

**Emergency Services** 

		24 hour crisis line 24 hour toll free line 24 hour TTY line	905-728-7311 1-800-263-3725 905-728-4394
	Reseau des Femmes du Sud de l'Ontario (Durham)		1-800-387-8603
	(Services for Francophone Women)		905-436-7353
	Bethesda House (Shelter)		905-623-6045 1-800-338-3397
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	Emergency Housing and Neighbour Shelters		
	YWCA (Oshawa)		905-576-8880
	YWCA (Peterborough)	Crossroads 1 Crosroads II	705-743-4135 705-743-8922
	YWCA (Scarborough)		416-693-7342
	Victoria's (Lindsay)		705-878-3662
	Northumberland Services for Women (Crises Line)		905-372-0746 1-800-263-3757
	Juliettes's Shelter (Scarborough)		416-724-1316
	Emily Stowe (Scarborough)		416-264-4357
	Muslim Welfare Home		905-665-0424
	The Ark Youth Shelter		905-571-5161
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Sandgate Women's Shelter	905-722-4043 1-800-661-8294
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Sexual Assault Services	
Oshawa/Durham Rape Crisis Centre	905-725-2241
Sexual Assault Care Centre	905-668-3050
Domestic Violence Response Team	905-576-8711
Adults Molested As Children (Individual Counselling and Groups for Women)	905-683-3451
Crisis Services	
Distress Centre Durham: Uxbridge and Port Perry (or if unable, call collect)	905-433-1121
Crisis Unit/Lakeridge Health Oshawa Mobile Crisis Unit	905-433-4384 1-800-742-1890
Community Drop In Support Groups: Oshawa Ajax	905-723-0036 905-686-4350
Assaulted Women's Helpline (Toronto)	416-863-0511
Colborne Community Services (Mobile Crises Line)	905-666-0483 1-800-742-1890
Chimo Youth Services	705-324-3300
Children's Services	
Children's Aid Society Durham	905-433-1551 1-800-461-8140
Kids Help Phone	1-800-668-6868
Kinark Child and Family Services	905-433-0241

Transformers: Children Who Have Witnessed Violence Ages 7 - 10 years	905-723-0026 Dor
Information Centres	
Information Oshawa	905-434-3831
Information Uxbridge	905-852-9747
Information Scugog	905-985-7346
Landlord and Tenant Information	1-888-332-3234
Whitby Information Centre	905-668-0552
Housing	
Housing Access Centre (Durham Region): Oshawa	•
Whitby	905-434-5015
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Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal Information Line	1-888-332-3234
Housing Help Durham	905-686-2661
The ARK (Youth Shelter)	905-571-5161
Police and Courts	
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Durham Regional Police Business Lines:	Emergency 911
Oshawa, Whitby, Scugog and Newcastle	905-579-1520
Ajax and Pickering Uxbridge	905-683-9100
Brock	905-852-3365
	705-432-2395
Family Law Information Centre	905-579-1988
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Domestic Violence Court		905-430-4150
Victim Witness Assitance Program		905-430-4170
Ontario Provincial Police		905-668-3388
Justice of the Peace		905-723-5251
Probation and Parole Services		905-571-3774
Victims of Crime Unit		905-579-1520 ext. 5617
Victims Services of Durham Region		905-430-5968 905-579-1520 ext. 1846
Additional Contact Information		
Ajax/Pickering Women's Centre		905-426-1064
Canadian Mental Health Association		905-436-8760
Catholic Family Services		905-725-3513
Destiny Manor(Women's Treatment Programs)		905-668-1858
Durham Deaf Services		905-721-0622 (fax)
Family Services Durham		905-683-345,1
Multilingual Community Interpreter Services		416-426-7051
Simcoe Hall Settlement House		905-728-7525
United Way		905-436-6414
Women's Rights Action Coalition		905-427-7849
24 Hour Domestic Violence Hotline		416-422-5984

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Program: Shelter			
	Projected Expenses		
Salaries and Benefits	=	Salaries-Included 3% increase (union) / Benefils:approx.17.7% of annual income, health/dental, life insur., 5% RRSP)	al, life Insur., 5% RRSP)
5120 Supervisor	64,700.00		
5120 Counsellors	280,000.00	(shelter: \$46,300 x 1,02% union increase x 4,5 FTE / Children's Prog. Counsellor 4 hours / day)	lor 4 hours J day)
5130 Relief	49,000.00	(estimating relief staff will be needed 20% of the time, it was 19% for 03/04, 17% for 04/05 and 30% for 05/06)	6 for 04/05 and 30% for 05/0
		(Relief: estimating benefit at 10%, it was 13% in 03/04, 10% in 04/05, 8% in 05/06)	(90)
subtotal	393,700,00		
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Services and Utilities			
5250 Insurance	4,100,00	(estimate prorated to property space)	
5370 Hydro	6,600.00	(estimate prorated to 1800 sq. ft. Current shelter costs \$ 11068.97 for approxima	ately 3000 sq. (t.)
5380 Water/Sewer	. 2,200.00	(estimate prorated to 1800 sq. ft. Current shelter costs \$ 3707.93 for approximate	tely 3000 sq. ft.)
5390 Heat/Gas		(estimate prorated to 1800 sq. ft. Current shelter costs \$ 4504 for approximately 3000 sq. ft.)	/3000 sq. ft.)
5400 Cable	300.00		•
5300 Property Taxes	3	(based on 2006 actual)	
5260 Equipment Leases	,	(telephone equipment and fresh water machine)	
5255 Security & Fire Inspection	2		
5325 Office Expenses		(general office supplies, toner and printer cartridges)	
5330 Telephone	1,000.00		
Misc.	00,008	(mileage and staff development)	
subtotal ·	24,800,00		
Shelter and Maintenance			
<ul> <li>5410 Repairs &amp; Maintenance</li> </ul>	intenance 6,800.00	(waste management, plumbing service, cleaning and maintenance supplies)	
5540 Food & Supplies			
5550 Emergency Transportation		(estimate prorated)	
5510 Direct Program Expenses	m Expenses 3,600.00	(canadian linens, cleaning supplies and monthly internet fee)	
Misc.			
subtotal	21,400.00		
loia	439,900.00		
Overhead Allocation			
Counselling / Transition	Transition 44,400.00	(estimate based on 10% of 05/06 salaries and benefits costs)	
administration		(estimate 10% of 05/06 total administration expenditures)	
Grand Total			
	512000.00		

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