

Milton candidates weigh in on affordable housing

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in Affordable Housing Program to build and repair affordable housing units. In addition, Milton Transitional Housing has received close to \$218,000 from the Ontario government to expand local services and triple the number of transitional housing units.

We are also providing over \$338 million in annual funding to communities across the province to fight against homelessness.

I believe everyone deserves a safe and decent place to live and that's why I will continue to work hard to make that a reality for local families.

ELEANOR HAYWARD · GREEN

Thank you for this opportunity to address this topic affecting Miltonians today. When people's incomes are locked into making big mortgage payments or paying high rents, local communities, families and economies are vulnerable. It is unacceptable that more people are on a waiting list for social housing than the total number of homes available.

The housing crisis is a complex problem that re-

quires creative solutions. Those solutions need to start with what works for people, not speculators.

As Green MPP, I will strive to require new developments to provide a minimum of 20 per cent affordable homes. I support innovative solutions such as tiny homes, co-housing and secondary suites.

Greens will invest an additional \$200 million over projected increases in the 2018 budget in funding for shelters, co-op and supportive housing. These changes to development, zoning and planning rules will not cost citizens more tax dollars; we will increase the housing speculation tax to help the most vulnerable have a place to call home.

Young families can afford to buy a home, seniors can afford to stay in their homes, and no one should be forced to sleep on the street. Having a roof over your head makes life better for everyone.

PARM GILL · PC

Milton is a great place to put down roots and raise a family. These families not only need an affordable place to live, but need the provincial government to create the en-

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vironment to live affordably.

The hydro portfolio has been completely mismanaged, resulting in rates that are through the roof. A PC government will clean up the hydro mess and reduce rates by another 12 per cent in order to help make life more affordable for homeowners.

In addition, a PC government will refund 75 per cent of the child-care costs for each child, up to the age of 15. This policy will allow for families to afford the child care of their choice.

An Ontario PC government will create the environment to be able to purchase a home in Milton for their family.

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