



## 803: Re-imaging the wait list: Choice-based models and beyond

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### Peel's Choice Based Initiative:

- Council Direction
  - Housing Investment Plan
  - Service System Management – Rent Supplement lead
- Peel's Housing and Homelessness Plan





## Housing & Homelessness Plan - Alignment

- ***Provides the very spirit*** of innovation and people-centred principles of our Housing & Homelessness Plan
- **Innovative** and cost effective housing opportunities
- **Partnerships:** Opportunity for existing landlord partners **and** new landlords to embrace this opportunity and *sense of community*



## What is Peel's Choice Based Initiative?

- Applicants have more choice, flexibility and options to receive Rent Subsidy (RGI)
- RGI and short term assistance (Housing Allowances)
- Chronological households and medical priorities were considered



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## Choice Based Initiative Options

- CB1
  - household remains with current landlord in current unit to receive rent subsidy
- CB2
  - household finds their own accommodation meeting certain requirements
- IAH
  - \$250 or \$350 short term housing allowance rent assistance paid directly to household
- Bidding pilot on vacant units



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## Choice Based Options – Our Efforts



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## Choice Based Options – Impact

- 1,273 households receiving RGI (as of Oct 2014)
- Over 200 housing allowances issued
- Increase in number of Landlord partnerships and available buildings



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## Leveraging Partnerships



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## Landlord Relationships

Through Choice Based Options, we have:

- Increased partnerships with private landlords
  - Leverage partnerships to increase number of available units
- Built relationships between the landlord, the Region of Peel and tenant
  - Landlords wanting to become part of the solution
  - Willingness to work with tenants to support successful tenancies



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## Choice Based Bidding (By Building) – Pilot

- Pilot started September 2013
- Efficient way of filling units
  - High number of vacancies at a building at one time
- Applicants are invited to view units
- Opportunity to “bid” or provide expression of interest
- Offered by Centralized Wait List application date and priority



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## Next Steps

### Current

- Final review of implementing a Choice Based “Bidding” and Choice Based options to the Centralized Wait List
- Ongoing evaluation of pilot
- Implementation of Choice Based Bidding – By Letter

### 2015

- Final Recommendations submitted for Council Approval
- Evaluation of pilot to inform planning and development



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Thank You

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