

Highlights of Housing Task Force Work September 2014- January 14, 2015

- Communications has been a priority of the **Housing Task Force (HTF)** to date:
 - 1) Aiming to make it evident to the wider community that Something new is happening AND
 - 2) Gathering information and ideas
 - Many questions and discussions emerging on the HTF FB Group page.
 - HTF reference materials and other resources, such as shared on the FB Group page, will be stored on the Connectability web site, in a designated area for the Housing Task Force under 'Housing', link to connectability.ca
- Taking "Action" has been another top priority:
 - HTF is committed to learning and advocacy and to move quickly to learn from innovative approaches and collaborative solutions to housing.
 - MCSS upcoming announcement will be seeking proposals by the end of February 2015, with 5-6 week timeframe for submission
 - Projected commencement of initial projects in Spring 2015.
 - Expectation of at least 2 proposal deadlines during 2015.
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- HTF Medium-Term tasks and priorities:
'Learning Journey' of the HTF members
 - Exploring opportunities for engagement by other ministries including Health, Municipal Affairs & Housing, Poverty Reduction Strategy within the Treasury Board
 - Studying creative housing projects and initiatives already underway, both in Ontario and beyond.
- The Housing Task Force meets monthly, the second Wednesday of the month.
- Be part of the conversation, Join the Ontario Developmental Services Housing Task Force Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/527484407354214/>
- All Inquiries or Questions can be sent to: dshousingtaskforce@gmail.com