

HUMAN SERVICES PLANNING BOARD OF YORK REGION (HSPB-YR)

Message from the Co-Chairs of the Human Services Planning Board ~~to~~ GDGL

York Region is an attractive community, full of diversity and opportunity. A place people are proud to call home. But, the stark reality is that the cost of living in our Region is rising and a growing number of low and moderate income families (households earning under \$78,000 annually) are having trouble keeping up. While the reasons are complex, the common element is the growing gap between household income and the high cost of living.

As Co-Chairs of the Human Services Planning Board (HSPB) we see this growing trend of economic vulnerability as a threat to the long-term health and well-being of York Region's population and communities. The Board has made this area of challenge and opportunity its priority area of focus.

Over the past five years, the Board has made great strides in creating positive change in the areas of affordable housing and economic self-sufficiency to help low and moderate income residents make ends meet. But there is much more to do. In our second Board term (2015-2018), we will build on our previous commitments. We have renewed our two Community Results:

1. **Housing options** that are affordable for everyone in our community
2. **Progressive employment** opportunities in a changing economy

The Board will also continue building strategic partnerships, focus on innovative solutions, and use our collective voice to advocate for change.

We are confident and optimistic that the collaborative efforts of the HSPB-YR will continue to create meaningful change in the Region and help in achieving our vision of a healthy, inclusive and vibrant community where all residents can thrive. Ultimately, it will take all of us working together to make a difference.

Sincerely,



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Regional Councillor, Town of Newmarket



Susan LaRosa
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...collaboration...collective leadership...partnerships...

