Homelessness Prevention & Housing

4.14 Expand supportive housing approaches for people with disabilities

**Canadian Mental Health Association-Middlesex (CMHA)**
CMHA has increased support in housing first, has added a new supportive apartment program for women who have experienced trauma and violence, has piloted a transitional eating disorders residence, piloted a transition care home in partnership with London Health Sciences Centre and Parkwood Hospital and is involved in a 3 year Lawson research study – No Fixed Address version 2 – where CMHA provides a housing selection worker in the hospital to find housing and prevent discharge to homelessness (as of March 2018 they housed 120 individuals)

**Homes Unlimited**
Homes Unlimited (London) Inc. is a non-profit corporation formed in 1972 to provide affordable rental housing primarily for families of modest income. The corporation, and its sister organization Odell-Jalna Residences of London Ontario, own and operate 540 affordable, well-maintained housing units in nine locations. The properties are a mix of townhomes and apartments. Some accessible units are available at each location.

**Indwell**
Indwell is a Christian charity that creates affordable housing communities that support people seeking health, wellness and belonging. Indwell is Ontario’s largest developer of new affordable housing with supports. In 2019, Indwell brought its transformational supportive housing model to London.

In February 2019, Indwell finalized the purchase of Woodfield Gate, a new affordable housing building at 356 Dundas Street in downtown London. The new tenants include people who face challenges accessing quality housing, often due to mental health and other disabilities. The building opened in July 2019 and is now home to 69 individuals.
London Community Foundation helped to fund the building’s construction and provided a low interest loan to Indwell to purchase it from the developer.

Indwell is partnering with the Mental Health Care Program at St. Joseph's Health Care London and the Canadian Mental Health Association-Middlesex to identify and welcome new tenants who are seeking supportive housing to continue their journey toward wellness.

Indwell is working with neighbourhood groups, civic partners, and a growing community of donors to develop much-needed solutions for our community’s housing crisis. Indwell is establishing a regional office in London and plan to create more affordable housing communities in London and southwestern Ontario.

Indwell is also working on the development of the site of the former Embassy Hotel at Dundas and English into a three-storey, mixed used project. Indwell is currently in the planning stage of the project.