

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

Homelessness encampments have become almost a permanent fixture of the Canadian landscape.

### INCREASED INCARCERATION

The Canadian justice system is the primary driver of homelessness. It *cannot* be the solution.

in 2023-2024 1 in 6 people in Ontario jails were released to no fixed address

Black and Indigenous individuals face overrepresentation reflecting legacies of colonialism and systemic racism

Toronto, for example, spent nearly \$1 million evicting residents from three encampments in 2021—\$33,000 per person and enough to cover 16 months of the average rent in Toronto.

*We must pivot from enforcement to evidence based approaches that meet peoples basic needs while supporting a housing solution.*

# BEYOND ENCAMPMENTS

Estimated 67,000 people are homeless on any given night

'Encampment sweep' supporters state removal is necessary for public safety & health.

Evidence shows they are traumatic, costly and do not bridge the streets to home gap

Let's take a deeper look ...

### COST-INEFFICIENT

Mental health facilities \$17,000/month

Correctional facilities \$11,000/month

Intensive supportive housing \$2000-5000/month

Basic housing \$613/month

### TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES

Sweeps destroy peoples essential belongings

Separation from care such as outreach workers and greater isolation

Higher risk of exposure to violence and fatal drug overdoses after a sweep

