

Please join us for a...
**Forum on Housing & Homelessness –
CITY BUDGET 2008**

The City is facing significant funding shortfalls at the same time as services are strained and there is a gap between housing and homelessness needs and resources allocated. This Forum will raise awareness of the issues and highlight potential solutions and strategies.

WHEN

**Friday, November 23
9:00 – 12:30 pm**

WHERE

**City Hall, 100 Queen Street West
Committee Room 3**

MODERATOR: **Greg Rogers, Executive Director,
John Howard Society of Toronto**

PANEL DISCUSSION including:

- Michael Shapcott, Wellesley Institute and Housing Action Now
- Angela Robertson, Executive Director –Sistering
- Sean Gadon- Affordable Housing Office-City of Toronto
- Councillor Joe Mihevc- Chair -Community Development & Recreation Cttee
- Phil Brown – Manager – Shelter Administration and Support
- Additional panellists being confirmed

RSVP by November 16th.

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The space is limited so we may have to limit one person per organization depending on registration

*** Light Refreshments***

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- What is Toronto's strategy to address the need for new affordable housing and homelessness supports in the next year and the future?
- What are the capital and operating needs and City plan regarding housing and homelessness supports?
- Are there priority issues and gaps requiring ongoing or new funding?
- What are sources of revenue that should be pursued to achieve the city's fiscal challenges and social needs?
- What is the Budget Process for 2008 and what are the opportunities for community and public input?