

# Niagara Regional Housing (NRH)

## *Affordable Housing & Seniors*

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# About NRH

## Video About NRH

<https://youtu.be/VAJmHgWi7PY>

# Who is NRH?

NRH is the administrator of  
affordable housing for Niagara  
Region



# Who is NRH?

**NRH provides a place to call home  
to 15,000 people across Niagara  
who have low incomes**

# Who Does NRH Help?

- ✓ Seniors
- ✓ People with physical/mental impairments
- ✓ Newcomers
- ✓ Aboriginal people
- ✓ People fleeing domestic abuse
- ✓ People who are homeless or at risk of being homeless

# Key Services

- ✓ Administration of the **Centralized Waiting List** for subsidized housing in Niagara
- ✓ **Management and operation of 2,751 Public Housing units**
- ✓ Legislative oversight of **65 Social Housing providers** – 3,910 Co-operative & Non-Profit units
- ✓ **Administration of Social Housing programs**
- ✓ Coordination of the **development of new affordable housing**  
– 80% market rents



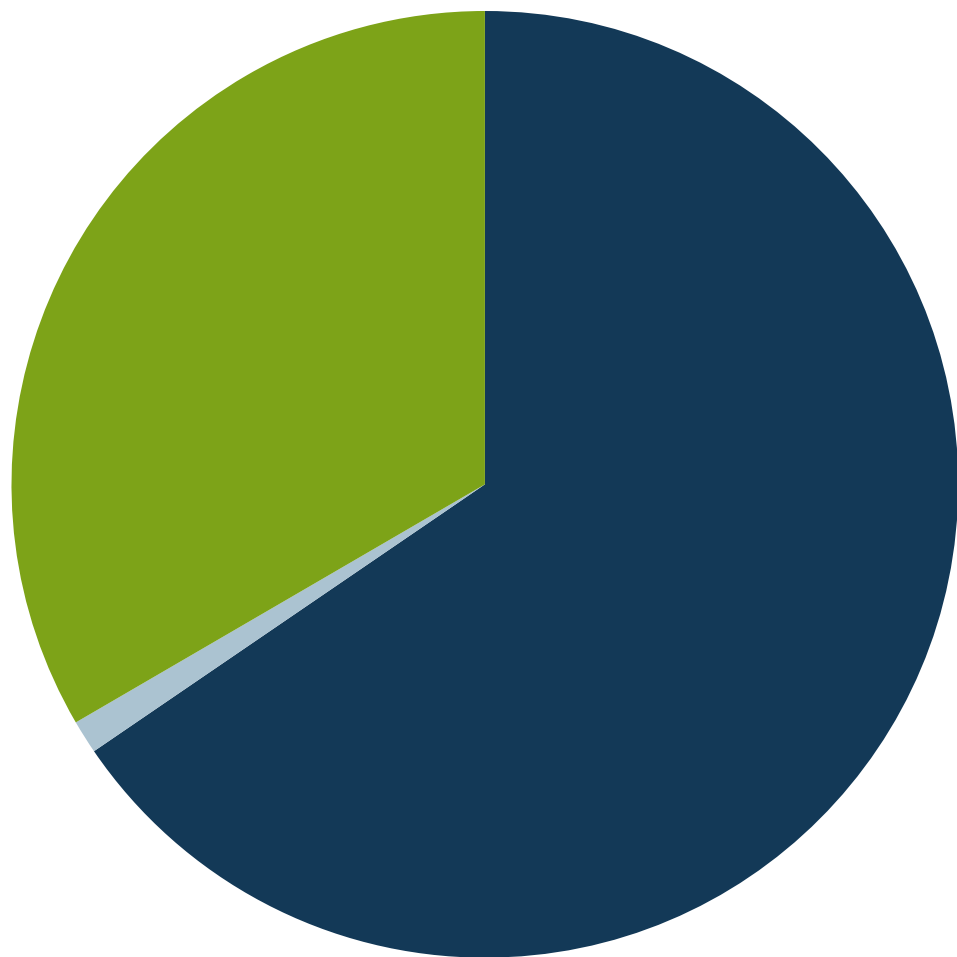
# Centralized Waiting List

**As of September 30, 2017...**

**There are 4,923 households on the  
Centralized Waiting List in Niagara.**

**This represents 10,217 people.**

# Thorold Waiting List



■ Seniors (400)

■ No Dependents (7)

■ With Dependents (204)

Total = 611



# Wait Times

CITY	SENIORS Age 55 and older		SINGLES Age 16-54		HOUSEHOLDS WITH DEPENDENTS			
	Bachelor	1 Bedroom	Bachelor	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom	5 Bedroom
	YEARS							
Fort Erie	-	6	4.5	6.5	1	1	4	-
Grimsby	-	3.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lincoln	-	4	-	12	8.5	8	-	-
Niagara Falls	3.5	4	-	16	4	3	9	13
Niagara on the Lake	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pelham	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Port Colborne	-	5.5	-	15	3	2.5	2	-
St. Catharines	-	5.5	9	9	3.5	5	5.5	11
Thorold	-	6	-	-	8	5	-	-
Welland	-	5	4.5	14	3	3	5	4
West Lincoln	-	5	-	-	5	11	-	-

- No units of this size available in this community

January 2017

# Thorold Averages

## Average Monthly Income (seniors):

**\$1,450**

## Average Rents:

	Private	Affordable (80% Market)	RGI (30% Income)
1 Bedroom	\$703	\$562	\$354
2 Bedroom	\$858	\$686	—
3 Bedroom	\$1,021	\$817	—

# NRH Public Housing in Thorold

Location	Building Type	Units
45 Ormond St. S.	Apartment	Senior (55+) 29-1 bedroom





# NRH Programs and Services

- ✓ NRH recently conducted a **Tenant Satisfaction Survey**
- ✓ The results showed that **NRH tenants in Thorold** felt their community would benefit from recreational and social activities
- ✓ Beginning in November, tenants will be able to participate in an **exercise class** that will be offered
- ✓ Also, Brock University has launched their “**Through Their Eyes**” project in this building...

# Brock University

## *Through Their Eyes*



A hands-on  
community-based  
project dedicated to  
examining the **age-  
friendliness of  
communities in  
Niagara**



# Brock University

## *Through Their Eyes*

Student teams  
partner with older  
adults to examine  
the health of their  
neighbourhood



# Brock University

## *Through Their Eyes*



The study aims  
to identify  
opportunities for  
change in the  
community



# Social Housing in Thorold

Provider	Building Type	Units	Housing Program
Thorold Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation (Romy Cres.)	Townhouse	Family 8-2 bedroom 23-3 bedroom	Federal Non-Profit
Thorold Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation (Bolton Ave./Crompton Blvd.)	Townhouse (semi)	Family 25-3 bedroom	Non-Profit
Thorold Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation (61 Ormond St. S.)	Apartment	Senior (55+) 45-1 bedroom 15-2 bedroom	Non-Profit



# Social Housing in Thorold



Bolton Ave./Crompton Blvd.



Romy St.

Ormond St. S.





# Affordable Housing Developed in Thorold

A total of **\$2,551,730** has been  
invested in Thorold to create **40**  
units of affordable housing since  
**2006**

# Affordable Housing Developed in Thorold



Lyndon St. W.



2017 development on Ormond St.



# Social Housing Programs

**Housing Allowance**

**Housing First**

**Niagara Renovates**

**Rent Supplement**

**Welcome Home Niagara**



# Housing & Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP)

**10-year plan** to address homelessness by increasing opportunities and options across the housing continuum



# Challenges We Face

**Mental Health/Addiction**

**Family Breakdown**

**Victims of Violence**

**Hoarding Behaviours**

**Bed Bugs**

**Aging Facilities**

**Capital Deficit**

**End of Agreements**

**Aging Population**

# How Can We Address Challenges?

Collaborations

Partnerships

Programs

Referrals

Intensification

Innovative Financing

# Questions?







# Thank You!

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