

Plight of the Homeless in Norfolk County

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RISE works in cooperation with Church Out Serving and our local branch of the Public Library

We have determined there isn't any medical services going to the encampments of the homeless in our county.

Also, that the Health Unit isn't open to the public, like the hospital and local libraries. There is no way for these people to meet in person with their case worker or even to get a phone call as most of the homeless don't have phones or access to a phone.

We have heard that there are 17 crisis beds and not all are being used.

We have also heard that the homeless in our county are not being vaccinated.

Also, due to mobility issues, many don't have access to any of the free meals available in our community.

In short, there are no medical services, they only have basic necessities, and working with mobility issues.

We need a shelter, sure it's only a bandaid on the real issue – finding homes for these people.

Norfolk County has "back tax" properties for sale, why not use some of these properties for housing the homeless?

Also, there are units in geared to income housing with up to 5 bedrooms in a unit. Why not use these units to house the homeless – especially with winter coming. Who wants to sleep in a tent all winter? No one wants to, but with no other options, this is where the homeless in our county are living.

Norfolk County has many empty stores & other properties,,,why not use these as shelters?

Anything is better than a tent.

Norfolk County has reserve funds, and made a profit selling the un-used property that was intended for the Hub.

Why not use some of this money to help those in our community who need it the most?

As most are on Social Assistance and not have a home are not receiving the "housing" portion on their cheque. Who can live on less than \$400.00 a month?