



## **STATEMENT: House of Friendship To Provide Temporary Transitional Housing**

Later this November, House of Friendship will be providing temporary transitional housing for 25 men at its former shelter location at 63 Charles St. E. in Kitchener, to help bridge the accommodation gap during its temporary disruption in shelter services.

**This is temporary transitional housing, not an emergency shelter program, and cannot accommodate drop-ins.** Rather, this is referral-based and short-term 24/7 accommodation with onsite staffing to provide supervision and supports.

This is an interim measure as House of Friendship continues to work diligently with government funders to secure the capital funding needed to purchase the permanent location for its emergency shelter program, and, pending that, hopefully resuming shelter operations in February 2022.

All other House of Friendship programs continue to operate.

The Region of Waterloo is continuing to work with area municipalities and community partners on a plan for Waterloo Region's shelter system, with more information on additional solutions to come in the upcoming weeks. Questions about other accommodations should be directed to the Region of Waterloo.