

Application for Social and Affordable Housing

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Important Information about this Application

- The Social Services office, through its Housing Services, provides information, takes applications, and maintains the Centralized Waitlist for social and affordable housing assistance in St. Thomas & Elgin County.
- All applicants must be either a Canadian Citizen, Landed Immigrant, or have Refugee Claimant Status or have made application for status as a Permanent Resident under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada) and no removal order against any member of your household is in enforcement.
- All applicants who own homes will be required to sell the home as a condition upon signing a lease. The sale must be completed within 6 months of the effective date of lease. If the sale is not completed within 6 months, rent-geared-to-income will no longer be available. Exceptional circumstances may be considered.
- Social and affordable housing is a long-term solution to your housing need. Unfortunately, this does not include emergency housing solutions and we cannot predict wait times which can often be up to multiple years depending on unit selection and size.
- In general, applicants with outstanding rent or damage arrears to social housing providers will not be considered without an established repayment plan in place.
- At least one member of your household must be 16 years of age or older and able to live independently with or without supports.
- There must be no convictions on any members of the household during the past two years for offences arising from misrepresentation of income related to rent-geared-to-income purposes.
- In general, individuals who have been previously evicted from social housing for criminal activities specifically are ineligible to reapply for social housing.

Please Note: As of January 1, 2021, applicants will only receive <u>ONE</u> offer of social or affordable housing. If the offer is not accepted, you will be removed from the Centralized Waitlist. This rule applies to all applicants on the waitlist. As part of your RGI housing application, please only select buildings and communities that you wish to live in. <u>If your circumstances change you may change your selected units at any time by contacting our office.</u>

Completed Applications

Completed applications, forms and all documents can be faxed, mailed, emailed, or dropped off at:

St. Thomas - Elgin Social Services, Housing Intake 230 Talbot St., St. Thomas, ON N5P 1B2 Phone: 519-631-9350 or Toll Free: 1-800-265-4362 Fax: 519-631-1824 Email: infosocialservices@stthomas.ca Please provide the following with your application. If your application is incomplete, you will not be placed on the waitlist.

- 1. Complete **all** applicable sections of the application.
- 2. Complete the Building Selection form (Adult, Family or Senior).
- 3. Sign the Release, Consent & Declaration form.
- 4. \Box Print and sign the completed application.

Please provide the following, if applicable:

- 1. Repayment Agreement if a household has outstanding arrears with a social housing provider.
- 2. Shared Custody Agreement or Child Tax Benefit Notice if you have 50% custody of children.
- 3. \Box Signed Divestment Form if a household member owns property.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I choose my unit size and where I want to live?

Your unit size is based on occupancy standards according to the size of your household. As part of the application, you will be asked to select the social housing locations you are interested in. **However, you will only be given <u>one offer</u>**. Please only select buildings and communities you wish to live in.

How are people chosen for social and affordable housing?

Special Priority Status (see page 7) is prioritized on the Centralized Waitlist. All other applications are chronological based on the date we receive your full application. When your name gets to the top of the list you will be contacted.

Will you notify me to confirm that my application was received?

Yes. You will receive a written letter to confirm that your application has been received and is complete.

How long will it take to secure housing through the waitlist?

Depending on your selected location and unit size, wait times vary depending on vacancies and can be long including multiple years. Please see the last page of this application for estimated wait times per unit selection.

How much will rent be?

In general, your rent in social housing will be based on 30% of your household's income. If you are receiving Ontario Works (OW) or Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) a rent scale is applied that will only impact the shelter portion of your income. You may be required to pay additional fees for parking, air conditioning and utilities.

How will you contact me to make an offer?

You will be contacted during business hours with an offer, so it is important to include your daytime contact information in the application.

Can I update or make changes to my application?

Yes. If your information or circumstances change and you wish to update your applications, please contact our office.

Can I apply if I own a home or property?

If you own a home or property, any offer of housing as a result of your application would be conditional upon you listing your home or property to be sold within 6 months of signing the lease.

Section 1: Main Applicant Information				
Please print clearly. Please note the application, you will need to notify t you through the information you pro	he St. Thomas-E	Igin Social Service	es office. If we are unable to contact	
Last Name:	First Name:		Middle Name:	
Alternative/Maiden Name:	Gender: () Male ()Female ()	Other OPrefer not to disclose	
Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YYYY)		Social Insuran	ce Number: (Optional)	
Marital Status: Single Married Other		⊖Widowed	⊖ Common Law ⊖ Separated	
Citizenship: ○ Canadian Citizen ○ Ref ○ Other: Please Specify	fugee Claimant	◯ Landed In	nmigrant O Deportation Order	
	Main Applicant (Contact Informati	on	
Applicant's Street Address:			P.O. Box #/Apt. #:	
City:	Province:		Postal Code:	
Home or Cell Phone Number:	Work Phone N	umber:	E-mail Address:	
What is your preferred communic	cation method? ⊖Email			
Are there privacy or safety conce	erns in sending	mail to this addre	ess? () Yes () No	
Current Accommodations?	⊖Renting	◯ Temporary Ac	commodation O Homeless	
If renting, monthly rental costs: \$		Monthly utility	/ costs: \$	
Would you be interested in receiving a rent supplement if available to stay in your current rental?				
Homeowners are required to sell their property within 6 months of signing the lease.				
	Co-Applica	nt Information		
Last Name:	First Name:		Middle Name:	
Alternative/Maiden Name:	Gender: () Male ()Female	Other OPrefer not to disclose	

Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YYYY)			Social Insurance Number: (Optional)			
Relationship to the Ma	iin Applic a ommon La	_	Please Specify			
Citizenship:		-		Immigrant	O Deportation Order	
		Co-Applicant Co	ontact Informa	tion		
○ Same as main app	licant					
Applicant's Street Add	lress:			P.O. Box #/Apt. #:		
City:		Province:		Postal	Postal Code:	
Home or Cell Phone N	umber:	Work Phone Nu	Work Phone Number: E-ma		Address:	
Do you give us permissi <i>If yes, please provide</i>		• • • •	tion with anyon	e else?)Yes ()No	
Name:	Addres	S:	Phone #:		Relationship:	
Name:	Addres	ss: Phone #:			Relationship:	
			tion 2: Id Members			

List below all other people that will live with you. You must include proof of legal status in Canada for all household members.

Last Name	First Name	Relationship to Applicant	Gender	Date of Birth MM/DD/YYYY	(For Dependents) Status of Custody
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Do all of the dependents listed on this application reside with you full-time?	○ Yes	🔿 No
If no, please provide Court Order or Private Agreement to verify frequency of	[·] visits.	

Is a baby expected:	⊖Yes	⊖ No			
If yes, date expected ((MM/DD/Y	YYY):			
Please provide proof of pregnancy.					

Has anyone in	n your household beer	n convicted of an	offence related to	o rent-geared-to-income?
⊖Yes	⊖ No			

Do you own, or are you a co-owner of a property? O Yes O No *If yes, please complete and sign a Divestment Form. Please contact the St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services office to obtain one.*

Section 3: Housing History						
Current or Previou	is Landloro	d Informatio	n:			
Apartment Number:	Street Addr	ess:				Date Moved IN:
City:		Province:		Postal Code	:	Date Moved OUT:
Landlord's Full Name	:				Landlord's T	elephone Number:
Landlord's Apartmen	t Number:	Landlord's Ac	ldress:			
Landlord's City:			Landlord's Provin	ce:		Landlord's Postal Code:
Is/Was your housin	g subsidize	d? ⊖Y	es 🔿 N	C		
		S	ocial Housing A	rrears		
If you have outsta will be ineligible to	-		ocial housing pr	ovider and	no repaym	ent agreement, you
Do you or anyone i O Yes O	n your hous No	ehold owe re	ental arrears to a	ny social ho	using provid	ers?
lf yes, have you sig <i>If yes, please atta</i>		•		s ONG)	
	Оссира	ncy Standa	Section 4: rds and Accomr	nodation R	equirement	S
Occupancy Standards are rules which limit the size of unit an applicant for social or affordable housing may apply for based on size and nature of the household.					cial or affordable	
In some cases, an applicant may be eligible for an extra bedroom. Please indicate if your household requires an extra bedroom for any of the following reasons. Request for an Additional Bedroom Form is required. Contact the St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services office to obtain one.						
O To store medical equipment required by a member of the household because of a disability or medical condition.						
If a spouse requires a separate bedroom because of a disability or medical condition for a personal care provider who is not a member of the household.					condition for a personal	
If overnight household.	accommoda	ation is a cor	ndition of visiting	rights for a c	child who is i	not a member of the

If accommodation is required for a child who is under a joint custody arrangement.

	Accommodation Requirements					
			housing units have b s letter as verification	een modified to accommodate is required.		
1.	Type of house requ ⊖ Family	iested: ⊜ Senior (65+)	○ Adult (16+)	◯ Modified		
2.		eded: 〇 1-bedroom 〇 5-bedroom	○ 2-bedroom○ 6-bedroom	○ 3-bedroom		
3.	Do you need parkir	ng: 🔿 Yes	⊖ No			
4.	Can you climb stair	s: OYes	⊖ No			
5.	5. Is anyone in your household required to live in a modified unit due to a physical disability? (Modified means the housing unit has been altered to be accessible for an individual using a wheelchair) O Yes O No If yes, please complete Request for Modified Unit Form. Please contact the St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services office to obtain one.					
6.	 Does anyone in your household need support services to live independently? Yes No If yes, please provide name: If yes, are the support services presently in place? Yes No Please describe the specific requirements: 					

Section 5: Income and Asset Information

In order to qualify for rent-geared-to-income assistance, you must pursue all sources of income that you may be entitled to. Income means all money you receive, from all sources including any income producing assets.

Below are some examples of income sources and income producing assets:

Employment	Self-Employment	Other Income	Assets
Full-time Work	Child-care	Ontario Works	Property
Part-time Work	Tutoring	Ontario Disability Support Program	Income Property
Casual/Seasonal Work	Driving Services	Canada Pension Plan	Investments
Vacation/Overtime Pay	Teaching (ie. music)	Old Age Security	Stocks and Shares
Tips and Bonuses	Farming	GAINS	Bonds
Long/Short-term Disability	Catering	Company Pension	Savings
Commissions	Cleaning	Student Loans	Other
Other	Other	Other	Other

Please list below all sources of monthly income and assets for each member of your household:

Name	Income/Asset	Amount Per Month
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
	Total:	\$

What is Special Priority Status?

Special Priority Status is part of the Social Housing Reform Act, 2000 that provides priority access to social and affordable housing vacancies **for victims of domestic violence or human trafficking** <u>ONLY</u>. To apply for Special Priority Status, please complete the signature box below and include:

- Confirmation of Abuse Form with supporting letter from a professional; and,
- Verification of cohabitation with abuser within the last three months.

If you do not have access to this form or information, it can be requested by contacting the St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services office.

Special Priority Status is assigned to victims of domestic violence or human trafficking ONLY.

The signature box below is for Special Priority Status <u>ONLY</u>.

Please complete the signature box below if it applies to you or skip to the next section.

I, or someone in my household, is currently a victim of domestic violence or human trafficking and has resided separately from the abuser for a period of three months or less:

Signature

Safe Contact Number

Section 6: Building Selection

Legend:

- Bach. bachelor apt.
- 1B one-bedroom unit
- 2B two-bedroom unit
- 3B three-bedroom unit
- 4B four-bedroom unit
- 5B five-bedroom unit
- 6B six-bedroom unit
- A adult housing
- S senior housing (65+)
- F family housing
- M modified unit
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Portable Housing Benefit

A Portable Housing Benefit (PHB) is a monthly financial benefit which is calculated based on family composition and household income. A PHB can be used to assist the household with rent and utility costs in units within St. Thomas and Elgin County.

Do you wish to apply for PHB? \bigcirc Yes \bigcirc No

City-Owned Affordable Housing Unit

Affordable units are not based on income. The rent is set at 80% of the average market rent based on the size and type of unit in order to maintain affordable housing. Currently the only City-owned affordable housing units are located at 5 William St, St Thomas, ON.

Do you wish to apply for an affordable unit? \bigcirc Yes \bigcirc No

Co-operative Housing

Members of co-operative housing usually participate in some aspect of the co-op's operation and management. Applicants are interviewed separately by the co-op's Membership Committee at a later date.

This applies wherever the word 'co-operative' appears in the name of the housing provider.

Subsidized Housing

Subsidized housing provides a rent subsidy for the difference between rent-geared-to-income (usually approximately 30% of the tenant's total income) and the market rent for the unit. The rent subsidy is paid directly to the landlord.

Subsidized housing exists in the following areas. Please select one or more of the following properties below. If you make no selection, it will be assumed that you are interested in all areas and appropriate options. **Please note that you will only be offered** <u>one unit</u>.

AYLMER, ON

Menno Lodge of Aylmer Inc.: 519-765-1083 *pet size restrictions*

- Menno Lodge, 215 South St. W.: (20-1B and 5-2B apartments, S(65+), M).
- O Elkview Gardens, 50 Melanie St.: (4-2B, 20=3B, 14-4B, 10-5B, 2-6B townhouses, F, M).

Troy Village Housing Co-operative Inc.: 519-765-3686 *pet size restrictions*

O 230 South St. W.: (10-1B, 20-2B, 15-3B, 5-4B townhouses/apts, A, F, M).

St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services: 519-631-9350 *smoke-free units*

- O 60-88 Myrtle St.: (6-2B, 8-3B, 1-4B townhouses, F, M).
- 49 Chestnut St.: (36-1B, 2-storey walk-up apts, A).
- 58 Myrtle St.: (28-1B, 2-storey walk-up apts, A).

DUTTON, ON

Dutton & District Lions Non-Profit Housing Inc.: 519-762-0089 *smoke-free units*

Caledonia Gardens, 1 Lions Rd.: (17-1B, 8-2B apts, S(65+), M).

PORT BURWELL, ON

Port Burwell Family Residences: 519-874-4543

O Maple Meadows, 58 Elizabeth St.: (8-2B, 6-3B, 14-4B, 7-5B townhouses, F, M).

Port Burwell Non-Profit Housing Corp.: 519-874-4229 *smoke-free units*

Milton Towers, 5 Milton St.: (6-1B, 4-2B apts, M(55+)).

RODNEY, ON

Kiwanis Non-Profit Homes of Rodney Inc.: 519-785-2328 *smoke-free units*

Kiwanis Seniors Apartments, 229 Fourth St.: (17-1B, 7-2B, apts, S(65+), M).

St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services: 519-631-9350 or 1-800-324-4474 *smoke-free units*

O Twin Pines, 253 Ridout St.: (2-Bach, 8-1B, 2-storey walk-up apts, A).

WEST LORNE, ON

St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services: 519-631-9350 *smoke-free units*

O 144 Main St.: (25-1B, 2-storey walk-up apts, A).

ST. THOMAS, ON

Eastwood Housing Corporation: 519-633-5375 *smoke-free units*

- Eastwood Court, 180 South Edgeware Rd.: (15-2B, 27-3B townhouses, F, M).
- Eastwood Heritage Park, 200 Burwell Rd.: (18-2B, 48-3B, 4-4B townhouses, F, M).
- O Eastwood Village, 405 Wellington Rd.: (14-3B townhouses, F, M).

St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services: 519-631-9350 *smoke-free units*

- 1-27 Airey Ave.: (20-3B, 4-4B semi-detached, F).
- 16 Celestine St.: (28-1B, apts, A).
- 200 Chestnut St.: (100-1B, (elevators), A, M).
- 76 Churchill Cres.: (16 Bach, 12-1B 2-storey walk-up apt, A).
- 96 Confederation Dr.: (22-3B townhouses, F).
- 40-87 Dunkirk Dr.: (8-2B, 19-3B single family detached, F).
- 425-483 Elm St.: (4-2B, 10-3B, 8-4B semi-detached, F).
- 192 Fairview Ave.: (1-4B, 1-storey single family detached, F).
- 81-85 (odd) Fairview Ave.: (8-2B, 12-3B, 6-4B townhouses, F).
- 105-139 (odd) First Ave.: (4-B, 14-1B, S(**65+**).
- 5 Morrison Dr.: (30-1B, 2-storey walk-up apts, A)
- 1-35 Simcoe St.: (5-2B, 23-3B, 2-4B, single family detached, F).
- 45 St. Anne's Place: (38-1B apts (elevator), A).
- 5 William St.: (14-1B (elevator), A, M).

Elmview Estates Housing Co-operative: 519-637-2503

240 Burwell Rd.: (14-1B, 24-2B, 24-3B, 5-4B apts./townhouses, A, F, M).

Meadowdale Community Co-operative Inc.: 519-633-8416

O 345 Highview Dr.: (14-1B, 31-2B, 12-3B, 3-4B, townhouses/apts., A, F, M).

Pinafore Station Co-operative Homes Inc.: 519-637-1611

O 351 Manor Rd.: (14-1B, 23-2B, 22-3B, 4-4B townhouses/apts, A, F, M).

Section 7: Sharing Information and Consent

Personal information contained in this form or in any attachments to it is collected by the St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services office and/or the housing provider, pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* or the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and will be used only as set out in this form.

This is your legal agreement with us to consent to the release of your personal information.

- I understand that the St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services office and any housing provider listed in my application for social housing assistance are permitted under the Housing Services Act, 2011 (the "Act") to collect personal information about me so long as they comply with the standards for collecting, using, disclosing and safeguarding information as set out in the Act.
- 2. I understand and agree to release any personal information and required documents to either the St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services office and/or the housing provider for the purpose of processing my application for RGI assistance which may include determining:
 - (a) my initial and ongoing eligibility for RGI assistance.
 - (b) the size and type of unit that I may be eligible for.
 - (c) the amount of geared-to-income rent I will be required to pay.

Any personal information collected by the St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services office and/or the housing provider about me for the above-mentioned purpose will be hereafter referred to as "my personal information".

- 3. I agree to release to the St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services office and/or the housing provider information about any bank account, safety deposit box, assets of any nature or kind held by me, or on my behalf, or by or on behalf of any of my dependents or children temporarily in my care, alone or jointly with any other person in any financial institution, in order to verify my initial or ongoing eligibility for RGI assistance.
- 4. For the purpose set out in paragraph 2, I allow the St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services office and/or the housing provider to obtain any credit information about me from any credit agency or any other source.
- 5. I allow the St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services office and/or the housing provider to share my personal information, without further notice to me, with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Social Housing Services Corporation, other municipal service managers or district social services administration boards or lead agencies as defined under the Act, and each person or organization providing services by contract to any of them, if it is needed to make decisions or verify my eligibility for assistance under the Act, the Ontario Works Act, 1997, the Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997 or the Day Nurseries Act.
- 6. I understand that any of my personal information given by the St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services office and/or the housing provider to a government or body mentioned above in paragraph 5 is confidential and will only be given in accordance with the Act and its regulations.
- 7. I understand that any of my personal information provided by me to the housing provider is given on the understanding that the housing provider is collecting this information on behalf of the St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services office.

- 8. I understand that any inquiries with respect to my personal information may take the form of electronic data exchanges.
- 9. I confirm that if I have any questions or concerns about the collection, use or disclosure of my personal information, I should contact the St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services office.

I declare:

- 1. I declare that everything I have written in this document is true and that no information that is required to be given has been withheld or omitted.
- 2. I understand that all of my personal information I give to the St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services office and/or the housing provider will belong to them.
- 3. I understand that only the people I have listed on this document may live with me in subsidized housing.
- 4. I understand that the St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services office and/or the housing provider will use my personal information that I give them to determine if I am eligible or continue to be eligible for RGI assistance; the size and type of unit I may be eligible to receive; my placement on waiting lists; and the amount of geared-to-income-rent payable by me.
- 5. I declare that I am in Canada legally.
- 6. I understand that I must pay back or arrange to pay any money I may owe to any subsidized housing project before I can be offered a subsidized unit.
- 7. I understand that it is an offence, under the Act for an individual to knowingly obtain or assist a household member to obtain RGI assistance for which they are not entitled. Such an offence carries a fine and/or imprisonment as well as a prohibition from re-applying for assistance for a minimum period of two years. If something on this document is missing, incorrect or false, the St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services office and/or the housing provider may request additional information, or may cancel my eligibility for RGI assistance and may request my household to reimburse the St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services office for the amount of RGI assistance paid on behalf of my household.
- 8. I understand that if the St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services office and/or the housing provider request a household to reimburse the housing provider, the members of the household who are parties to the lease or the occupancy agreement for the unit are jointly and severally liable to pay the amount owing.
- 9. I understand that if at any time the circumstances that created eligibility for an Special Priority Status no longer exist, I will cease to qualify for priority status under this category. However, my application will remain on the Centralized Waitlist.

All household members who are over the age of 18 must sign below to indicate they have read and accept all terms and conditions of the Release and Consent on page 10 and 11.

	Household Member (please print name)	Signature	Date
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			

Personal information contained on this form or in attachments is collected, pursuant to the Housing Services Act (2011) Sections 169-176 or the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, (R.S.O. 1990, c M.56). This information will be used to determine suitability and eligibility for housing applied to, continuation of housing and the appropriate rent scale and rent geared-to-income charge. Personal information may be disclosed to housing providers, other municipal or provincial departments and agencies that assist in the provision of social housing and social agencies providing social assistance to the applicant. All applicants must consent to the verification, disclosure and the transfer of information given on this form and attachments by or to any of the above entities and you are required to provide supporting material for the purpose of processing the application.

Information about other housing providers including emergency shelter services and other community supports can be found here: https://www.southwesthealthline.ca/pdfs/2019_elgincommunityconnections.pdf

or by calling 211.

Additional Information

Independent Housing Providers

The housing providers listed below provide housing which is either subsidized or affordable and some of these providers provide therapeutic or other supports for their tenants. None of these housing providers are part of the Centralized Waitlist so you cannot apply for housing at these locations using this application form. Please contact these housing providers using the contact information provided.

Aylmer Area Christian Community Association:

Heritage Place, 110 Caverly Rd., Aylmer: (16-1B, 9-2B adult apartments).

CMHA Thames Valley Addiction & Mental Health Services: 519-633-1781

Affordable supported housing for individuals with serious mental illness. Head leases with private landlords throughout Elgin County.

50-52 Steele St., St. Thomas: (4-1B, 4-2B, walk-up).

282 Highview Dr., St. Thomas: (12-1B).

207 Ross St., St. Thomas: (12-1B including 4 modified units).

67 Hiawatha St., St. Thomas: (4-1B).

<u>Central Elgin Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corp</u>.: 519-631-4860 Kettle Creek Villa, 289 Frances St., Port Stanley: (18-1B, 12-2B, S(**65+**), apartments with elevators).

Cherry Street: 519-808-9842 (Sue Dekraker)

Single-family homes and duplexes in Aylmer and area.

Eastwood Housing Corporation: 519-633-5375 or www.eastwoodhousing.ca

Eastwood Park Terrace, 3 South Edgeware Rd., St. Thomas: (1-2B house F, 19-3B townhouses F, 5-2B townhouses S(**55+**)).

Eastwood Seniors, 410 Wellington St., St. Thomas: (19-1B, 7-2B, apartments, S(55+)).

Eastwood Village, 405 Wellington St., St. Thomas: (units 1-40).

Festival Gardens, 17 Morrison Dr., St. Thomas: (30-1B, 10-2B, apartments, S(55+)).

Pinetree Gardens, 150 First Ave., St. Thomas: (11-1B, 2-2B, apartments, S(55+)).

Stirling Meadows Co-operative: 519-633-7690

17 Holland St., St. Thomas: (F, M).

St. Thomas—Elgin Second Stage Housing: 519-637-2288

Supportive affordable housing for up to one year for women (and their children) experiencing gender based violence: (3-1B, 4-2B, 5-3B).

Violence Against Women Services—Elgin County Emergency Shelter: 519-633-0155 or toll free 1-800-265-4305

Short-term residential crisis/emergency shelter for abused women aged 16 and older (and their children): (1-1B, 2-2B, 3-3B, 1-4B, M).

YWCA of St. Thomas-Elgin: 16 Mary St. West, St. Thomas, 519.631.9800

Supportive and transitional housing programs in St. Thomas. Programs are communal living environments that are fully furnished, with private bedrooms.

Fairwinds: (4B home, men 16-24 years). Harmony House: (4B home, women 16-24 years). Horizon House: (3B home, women 18-24 years). Second Story: (7-1B, men 18+). Unity House: (3B home, men 18-24 years). Women's Residence: (17-1B, 1-4B, women ages 16+).

Approximate Housing Wait Times

Please note that wait times vary based on housing options selected in each area. The more properties selected in each area, the faster you may be housed. However, you will only receive one offer. Wait times are as of January 2022.

St. Thomas				
Bachelor	4-5 Years			
1 Bedroom	4-5 Years			
2 Bedroom	8-9 Years			
3 Bedroom	3-4 Years			
4 Bedroom	4-5 Years			
Ау	mer			
1 Bedroom	3-4 Years			
2 Bedroom	3-4 Years			
3 Bedroom	1-3 Years			
4 Bedroom	1-3 Years			
5/6 Bedroom	1-2 Years			
Port I	Burwell			
2 Bedroom	2-3 Years			
3 Bedroom	2-3 Years			
4 Bedroom	1-2 Years			
5 Bedroom	1-2 Years			
West	Lorne			
1 Bedroom	2-3 Years			
Ro	dney			
Bachelor	2-3 Years			
1 Bedroom	2-3 Years			

Adult and Family Housing

Senior (65+) Housing

Kiwant Manor 65+ (First Ave, St. Thomas—Affordable Housing)	
Bachelor	1-2 Years
1 Bedroom	3-4 Years
Aylmer 65+	
1 Bedroom	2-3 Years
2 Bedroom	1-2 Years
Port Burwell 55+	
1 Bedroom	3-4 Years
2 Bedroom	1-2 Years
Dutton 65+	
1 Bedroom	2-3 Years
2 Bedroom	1-2 Years
Rodney 65+	
1 Bedroom	2-3 Years
2 Bedroom	1-2 Years