What is Access to Housing (ATH)?

Access to Housing (ATH) with the City of Hamilton provides information, takes applications and maintains the wait list on behalf of the Housing Providers for social (subsidized) housing. To apply for social housing you must complete an Application package which includes: the Application for Housing and Building Selection Forms. If you need help filling out the forms, ATH staff will help.

ATH is not a landlord. ATH cannot predict or guess when you will be housed and they do not provide emergency accommodations. If you need immediate housing, ATH staff can provide a referral to a community agency.

Who can apply for Social Housing?

To qualify for social housing in the City of Hamilton, applicants must:

- Be 16 years of age or older and be able to live independently.
- Each member of the household must be a Canadian Citizen, Landed Immigrant or Refugee Claimant.
- No member of household has a deportation order, departure or exclusion order under the Immigration Act.
- No member of household owes arrears, for either rent or damage to any social housing units.
  - If any member of the household owes money to a social housing provider in Ontario, you must attach a copy of a written agreement, signed by the housing provider, stating you have a repayment agreement.

How to fill out your application:

1. Complete all sections of the application. If any required documents are missing we will advise you in writing that your application is incomplete without placing you on the waiting list. Make sure you sign and date the application form.

2. Attach copies of all required documents. Use the checklist at the back of the application to make sure you have included everything.

3. Mail, fax or deliver your application to Access to Housing at the address in the top right hand corner of this document.