



Autism Housing Network of Alberta

AHNA In Calgary: Looking back at 2023 and forward to 2024

Hello all,

It was so nice meeting folks from Calgary in person! And thanks again to the Sinneave Family Foundation and Autism Calgary for making the event a great success!

We certainly had a lot to talk about; the session was recorded and is available below:

<https://vimeo.com/891515144>

There were a few items I wanted to clarify and share, as there were questions, resources shared and important information released regarding the City of Calgary budget adjustments (I will be keeping an eye out for Municipal Housing Budget information for other Albertan cities; please send me these if anyone has them handy!):

-30 million to build housing for indigenous and equity deserving populations

-60 million to leverage funding from other orders of government to support partners to build new affordable housing

-27 million in annual funding + 55 million one time 2024 funding to fund four programs:

- City of Calgary secondary suite incentive program
- Downtown office to residential conversion program
- Land fund to increase the number of parcels available for development
- One Window program to create a co-ordinated intake process for the city's affordable housing providers

There were also few resources mentioned that I wanted to share:

Help Seeker: <https://helpseeker.org/>

AIDE Canada: Hub Network: <https://aidecanada.ca/community/hub-networks>

Housing Through an Autism Lens (HAL): <https://www.hal-lab.ca/>



Autism and Homelessness:

<https://edmonton.ctvnews.ca/a-constant-battle-alberta-mom-says-son-is-homeless-because-of-lack-of-care-for-people-with-autism-1.6160329>

AHNA won't be hosting a meeting in December, however will return January 31st with a live broadcast of the Red Deer STEPS Visioning and Planning For the Future presentation, including Alberta based resources, speakers and yours truly!

Visioning and Planning For The Future (Virtual Component) Resource Fair

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/visioning-and-planning-for-the-futurevirtual-component-resource-fair-tickets-768359623317?aff=oddtcreator>

Visioning and Planning For The Future (In Person) Resource Fair

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/visioning-and-planning-for-the-future-in-person-resource-fair-tickets-768610463587?aff=oddtcreator>

Kind regards all and I look forward to an auspicious 2024,

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