Simcoe County Coordinated Access Guiding Principles

1. **RIGHT TO HOUSING**
   We commit to the right to housing. Everyone is housing ready regardless of their needs.

2. **PERSON-CENTERED**
   We will continually improve a system that is trauma-sensitive, low-barrier, and culturally safe, informed by the experience of diverse populations and services. We will create solutions that respect the strengths of the individuals, families, and communities accessing services. We will support people in making connections to community and empower them to find and keep housing.

3. **HONESTY & INTEGRITY**
   We commit to truthful, open, and clear communication, and acting in the best interests of the people we support. We respect each other’s roles in the system.

4. **EMPOWERMENT**
   We will provide resources to help people make informed choices and build on their strengths to define their own success.

5. **COLLABORATION & INNOVATION**
   Service providers, funders, and people with lived/living experience all have a voice in the system and are part of the team working to end homelessness. We will be flexible, open to new ideas, and work together to help people access the most appropriate services.

6. **ACCOUNTABILITY & DATA**
   Real-time data will drive evidence-based solutions that are adaptable and designed specifically for Simcoe County. We will continue to improve the system to reach functional zero.