

Transcript of Searching for Housing Audio

00:00 – 1:08 “When looking for housing in the private market, there are six things to remember.

Number one – Know where to look. We’ve included tip sheets for where to find ads and if you need more help, contact the Housing Resource Centres.

Number two – Do your research. Call the property manager or landlord if you have questions; use online tools like Google Maps or Grand River Transit maps to narrow your search.

Number three – Keep track of your inquiries and avoid calling the same landlord more than once about the same unit.

Number four – Be prepared before calling landlords. Have a pen and paper handy. Practice writing out what you will say first and be prepared to leave a message.

Number five – Be prepared for viewings – make sure you bring a notebook, measuring tape, camera, and any documents you might need to fill out an application.

Number six – When viewing a place, assess the unit, the overall condition of the building, the landlord, and check out the neighbourhood.

For more help, check out the tip sheets and worksheets in this section. They include information on where to get one-on-one help.”