

# Proposed Emergency and Transitional Housing

14452 Yonge Street, Aurora

Public Information Centre

June 24, 2021



# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**The land we are meeting on today is the traditional territory of many First Nations, including the Chippewas of Georgina Island and the Mississaugas of the Credit. These lands are now home to many diverse Indigenous peoples. We also acknowledge that York Region falls under Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit and the Williams Treaties with several Mississauga and Chippewas First Nations.**

# TONIGHT'S AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Housing York Inc.
3. Context: Emergency and Transitional Housing
4. The Site: 14452 Yonge Street
5. Stay Involved
6. Questions and Comments

# WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS



# TONIGHT'S PANELISTS

## Town of Aurora

**Mayor Tom Mrakas**

**Anna Henriques, Manager,  
Development Planning,**

## York Regional Police

**Sergeant Andrea Davidson**

## York Region

**Debbie Thompson, Director, Homelessness Community Programs**

**Joshua Scholten, Director, Housing Development and Asset Strategy**

**Melissa McEnroe, Manager, Affordable Housing Development**

**Colin Simic, Housing Development Planner**

**Sophia Bittar, Community Liaison**

**Jose Manalo, Project Manager, Environmental Services**

# HOUSING YORK INC.



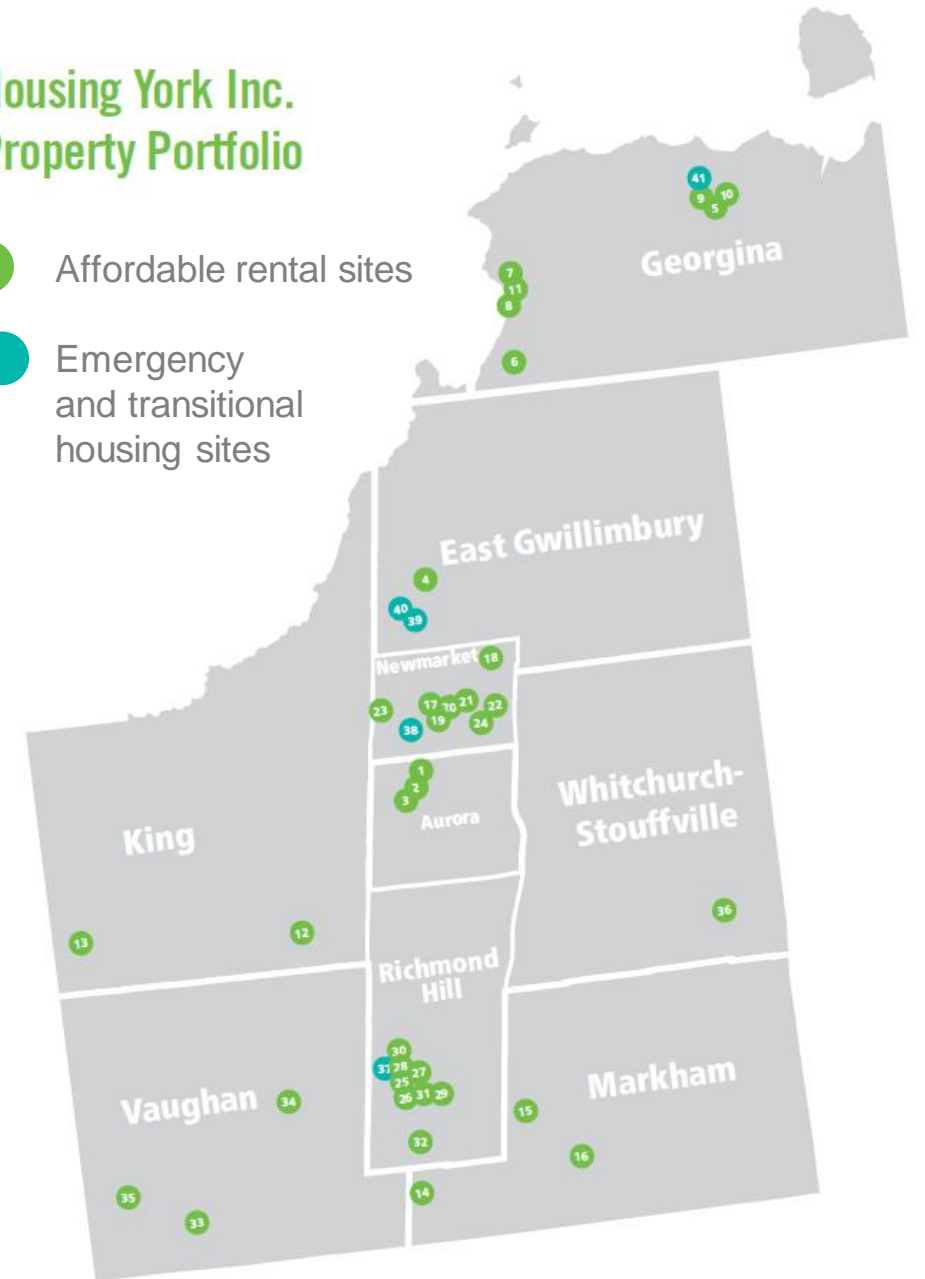
# HOUSING YORK INC.

## WHO ARE WE?

- Housing York Inc. (HYI) is York Region's housing company
- HYI provides well-maintained, affordable housing options, from mixed-income rental apartment buildings to emergency and transitional housing sites
- HYI owns and manages 37 housing locations and supports over 2,700 units
- HYI is committed to working with our neighbours to keep you updated on planned projects in your community

### Housing York Inc. Property Portfolio

- Affordable rental sites
- Emergency and transitional housing sites



# OUR HOMES

HYI's model focuses on supporting healthy communities through:

- Functional design
- Appropriate scale
- Proactive management
- Community support

Blue Willow Terrace,  
Vaughan







**Woodbridge Lane – Affordable Housing**



**Richmond Hill Hub –  
Emergency, Transitional and Affordable Housing**

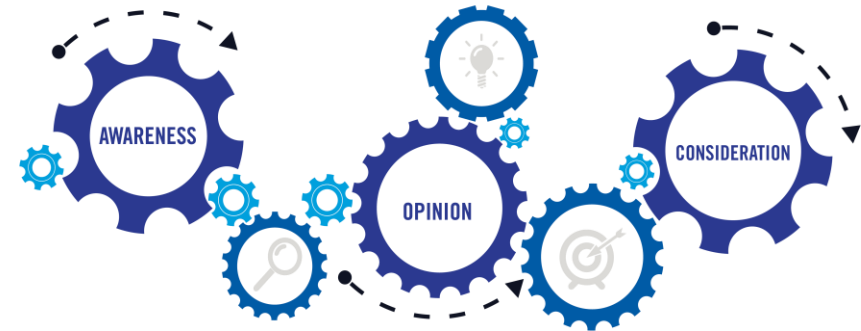


**Belinda's Place – Emergency and Transitional Housing**



# APPROACH TO COMMUNITY-CENTRED DEVELOPMENT

- Committed to open and transparent communication
- Respectful of community's ideas and concerns
- Public Information Centres to inform and gather feedback
- Creation of a Community Liaison Committee (CLC)



**CONTEXT:  
EMERGENCY AND  
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING**



# BACKGROUND

- For most residents, York Region is a vibrant place to live and work, yet for a small number of people, the experience of homelessness is a daily reality
- Men experiencing or at risk of homelessness in York Region come from many different backgrounds and life circumstances
- Factors leading to homelessness can include:
  - Rising housing costs and limited affordable housing options
  - Illness, personal or family crisis
  - Job loss or reduced hours of work



# CURRENT LANDSCAPE: MEN'S EMERGENCY HOUSING

- Men's Shelter beds operated by Blue Door Support Services
- Building owned by Housing York Inc. and co-located on same property as Leeder Place Family Shelter
- Property acquired by York Region in the 1980s
- Original building over 100 years old with several additions and renovations



# EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

## Creating a Multi-Service Building

- Short-term emergency housing and longer-term transitional housing
- Supportive counselling and life-skills
- Help to find and keep permanent housing
- Referrals to community supports and resources
- Supports to develop financial literacy, education, training and job search
- Implementing a proven successful service delivery model



**THE SITE: 14452 YONGE STREET**

# SEARCH FOR AN EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SITE

**2018**

- Need for replacement facility identified and capital funding approved

**2019**

- Began search for site
- Potential sites identified

**2020**

- Feasibility and due diligence regarding 14452 Yonge Street

**2021**

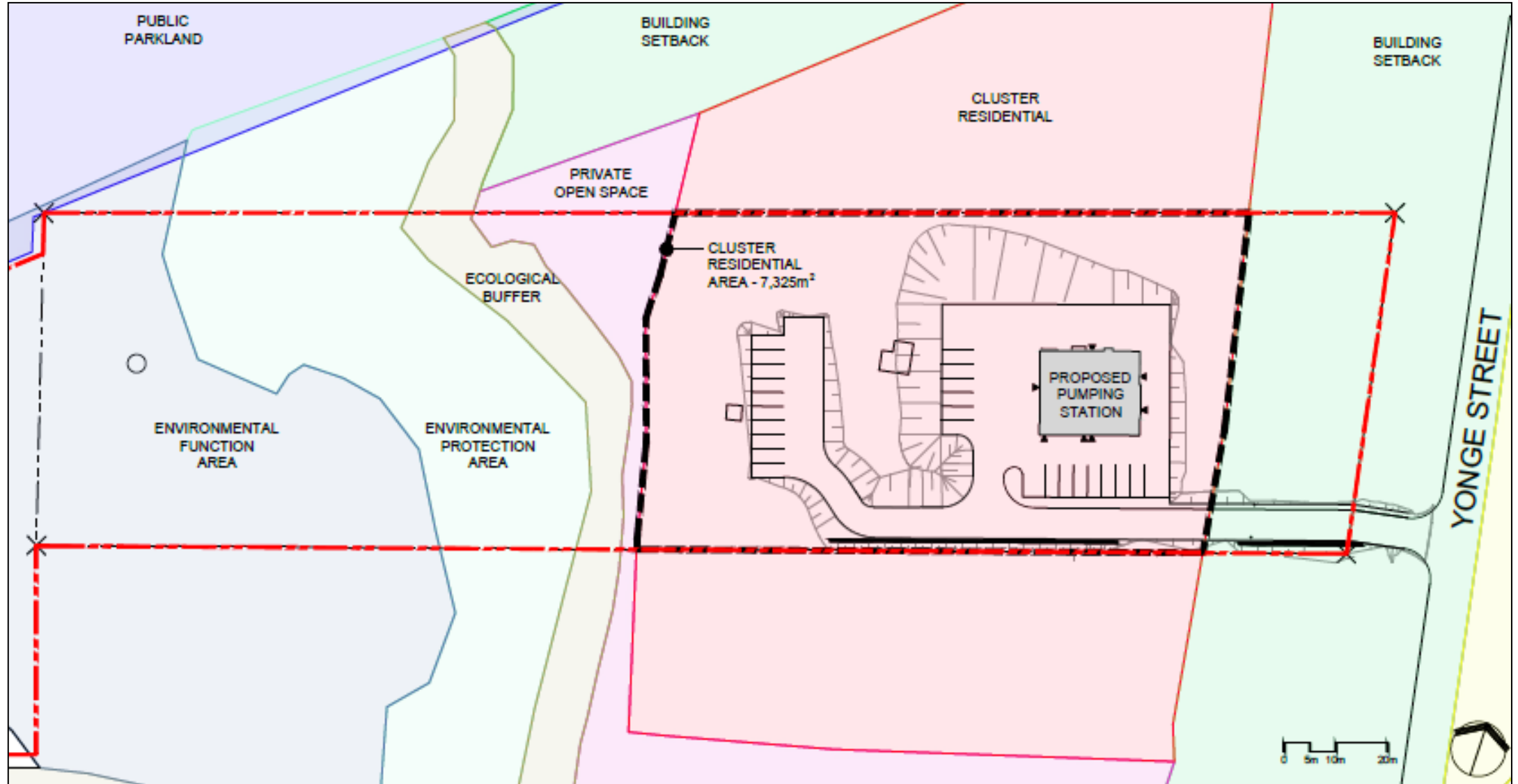
- Begin public engagement



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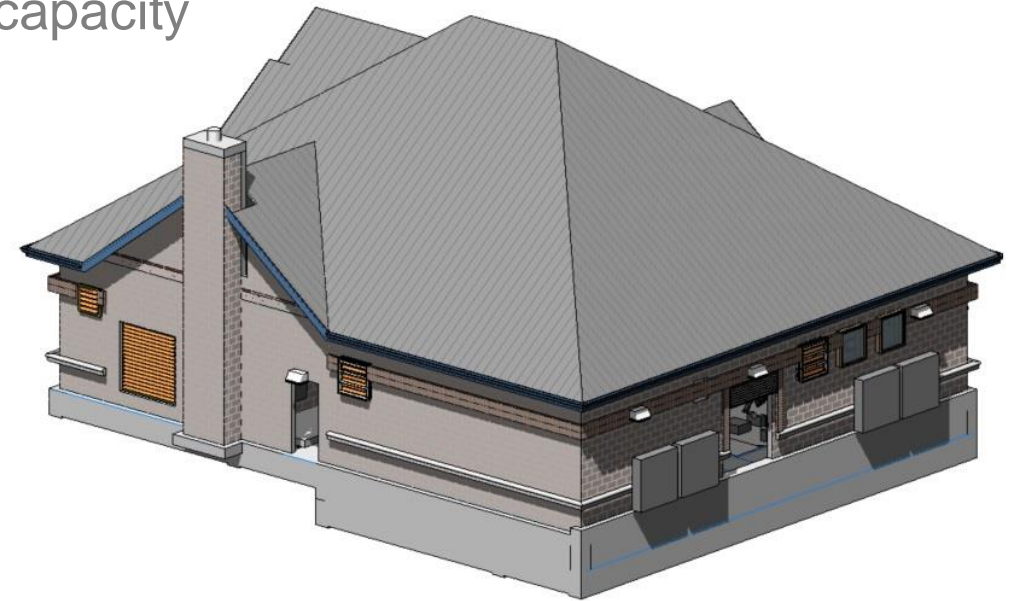


# CO-LOCATION WITH PUMPING STATION

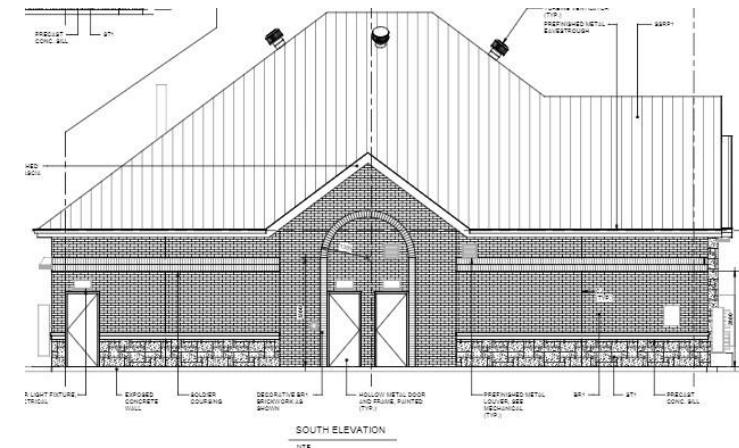
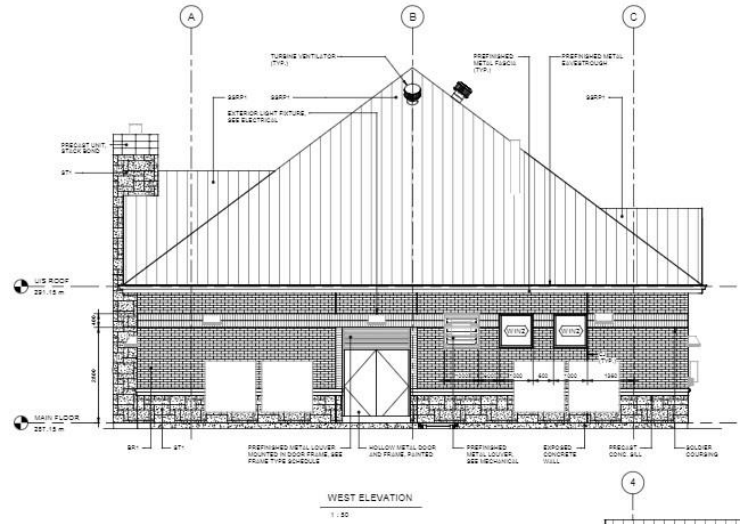
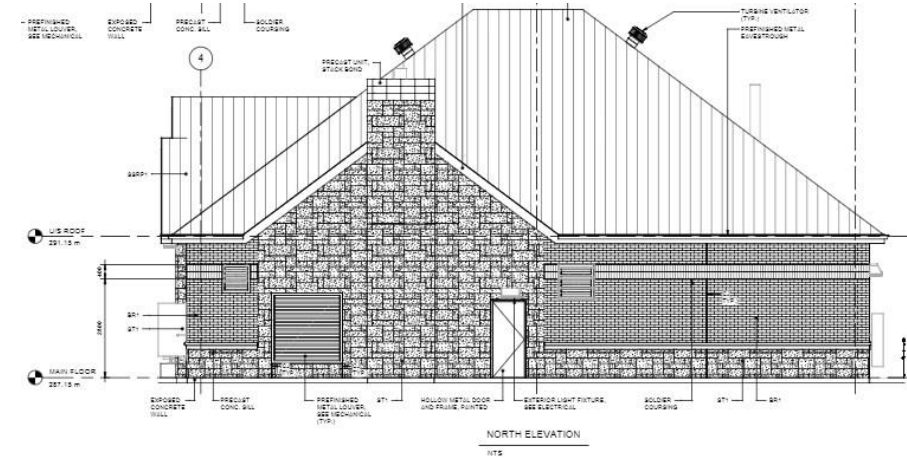
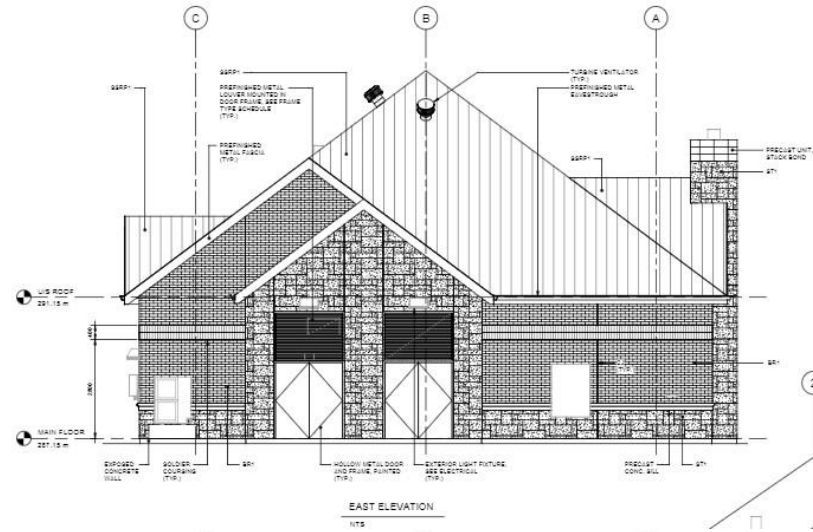


# HENDERSON PUMPING STATION

- York Region completed a Schedule B Class Environmental Assessment for the pumping station in 2019
- The pumping station is required to address sewage capacity constraints in the Aurora servicing area
- This new pumping station will ensure York Region can meet operational demands during extreme wet weather events
- Public Consultations were held on November 2018 and February 2019
- Site Plan Approval was obtained in April 2021
- Construction will begin in Summer 2021 and finish Spring 2023



# HENDERSON PUMPING STATION



# THE OPPORTUNITY

- Centrally located site, with access to transit
- Site is sufficient to include emergency and transitional housing
- A Zoning By-law Amendment (i.e., Rezoning) and Site Plan Application will likely be required to permit this specific use
- Town policies and regulations permit a four to six storey building, depending on the zoning proposed
- Planning and public engagement processes will help define the building form and features



# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND NEXT STEPS



## 2021



### May

- Presentation to Aurora Council

### June

- Planning Application(s) submitted to Town
- *Public Information Centre (PIC #1)*

### September / October

- *Public Information Centre (PIC #2)*
- *Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting #1 (ongoing for duration of project)*

### November / December

- Statutory Meeting(s) with Aurora Council



## 2022



### April

- Planning Approvals received from Aurora Council

### May

- *Public Information Centre (PIC #3)*

### June / July

- Update to Aurora Council
- Building approvals received from Town



# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND NEXT STEPS



**2023**

**March**

- Construction commencement of emergency and transitional housing development



**2024**

**December**

- Substantial completion of construction and occupancy



**STAY INVOLVED!**

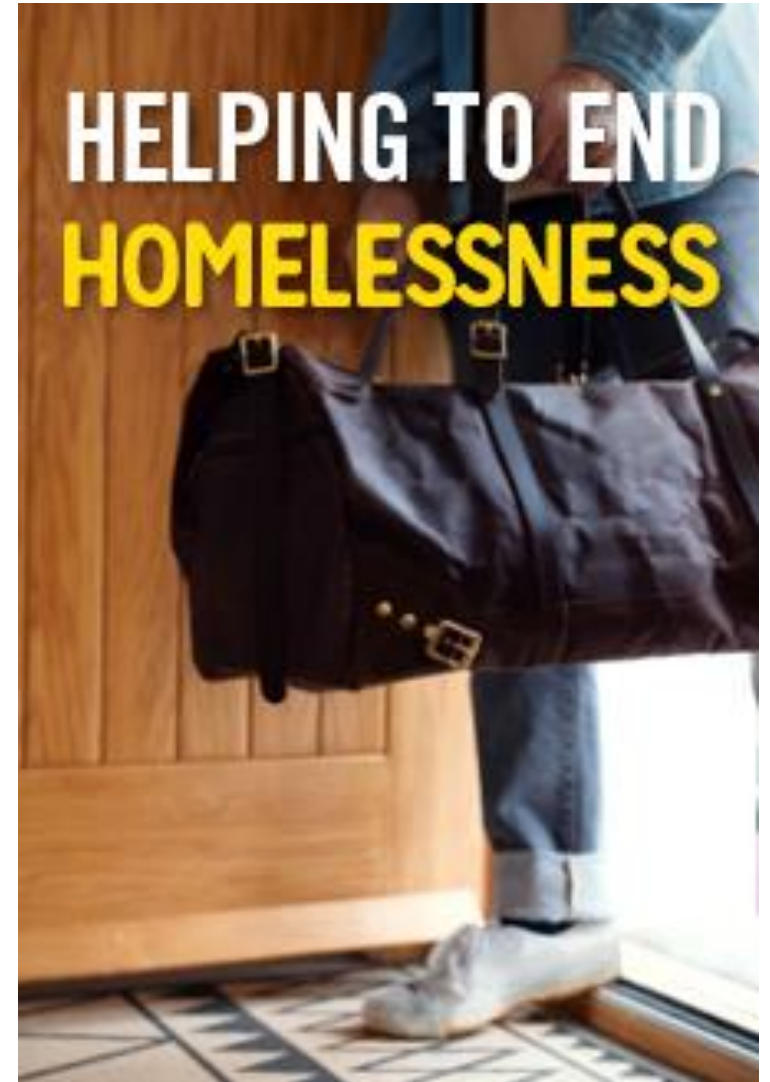




# COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

## Would you like to stay involved in the project?

- A Community Liaison Committee (CLC) will be formed for nearby residents and stakeholders to stay up to date on the project
- The CLC will address issues through the planning and construction period and will act as community advocates
- Please contact our Community Liaison to apply to the CLC: [menshousing@york.ca](mailto:menshousing@york.ca)



# QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS



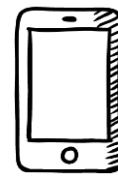
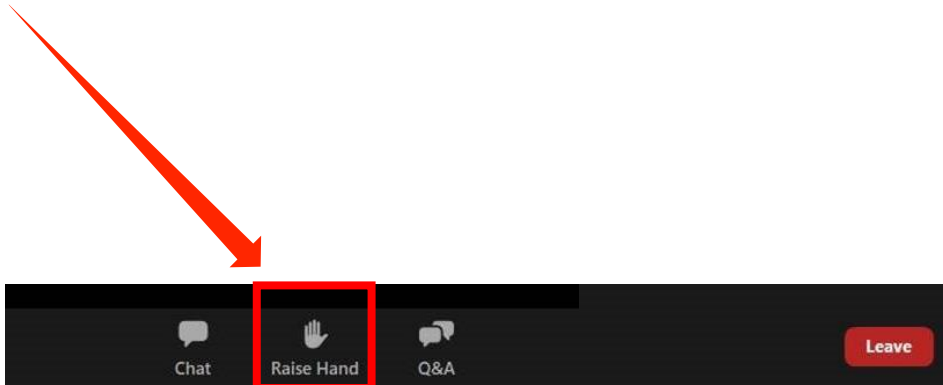
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Please be concise, constructive and considerate of other views.



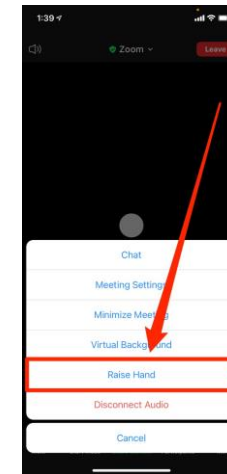
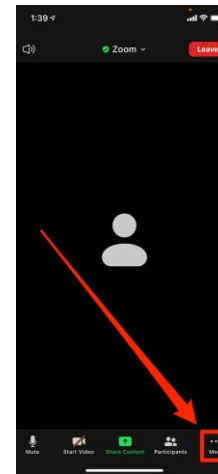
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2. The moderator will unmute your microphone and you will be able to ask your question.



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1. Click on the three horizontal dots icon, labeled "More," in the bottom right corner of the screen.
2. In the pop-up at the bottom of your screen, tap "Raise Hand."



# WRAP-UP

- **Send comments or questions to:**  
Sophia Bittar, Community Liaison  
[menshousing@york.ca](mailto:menshousing@york.ca)
- **Stay connected by visiting:**  
**[york.ca/menshousing](http://york.ca/menshousing)**
  - Upcoming public engagement meetings
  - Project information and updates
  - Presentations
  - FAQs



THANK YOU!



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