

Proposed Emergency & Transitional Housing

14452 YONGE STREET — TOWN OF AURORA

Town of Aurora General Committee Meeting

May 4, 2021

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AGENDA

- Background & Experience
- Housing York Inc.
- The Site: 14452 Yonge Street
- Public Engagement & Next Steps
- Discussion

BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

BACKGROUND: PORTER PLACE

- Men's Shelter with 30 beds operated by Blue Door Shelters
- Facility owned by Housing York Inc. and co-located on same property as Leeder Place
- Property acquired by Region in the 1980s
- Original building over 100 years old with several additions and renovations



HOMELESSNESS AND EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

- 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 / shortage of affordable housing
 - Illness, personal or family crisis
 - Job loss or reduced hours of work
- Three pillars for emergency and transitional housing model:
 - **Prevent** homelessness before it starts by providing supports to help people before they are in crisis and experience homelessness
 - **Provide inclusive, client-centered programs** to support recovery
 - **End homelessness** through supports that help people find and keep housing



DELIVERING PROGRAMS AND SERVICE THAT WORK

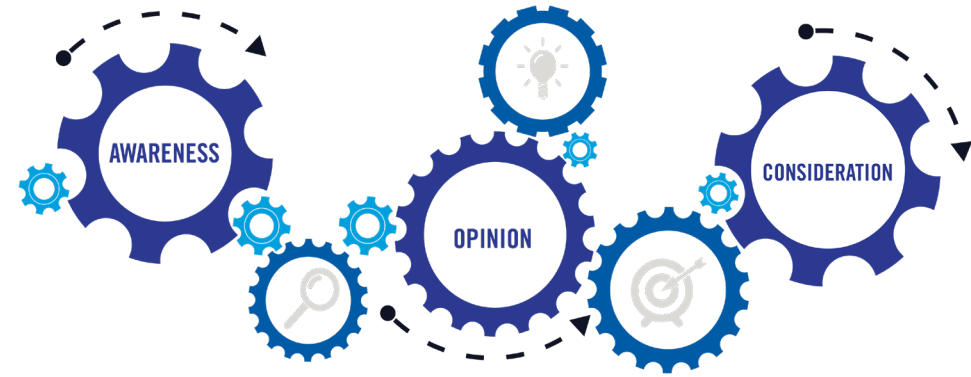
A Multi-Service Facility

- Short-term emergency shelter and longer-term transitional housing
- Supportive counselling and life-skill learning opportunities
- Help to find and maintain permanent housing
- Referrals to other community supports and resources
- Support to develop financial literacy, education, training and job search
- Implementing a proven successful service delivery model
- Third-party operator with targeted expertise



APPROACH TO COMMUNITY-CENTRED DEVELOPMENT

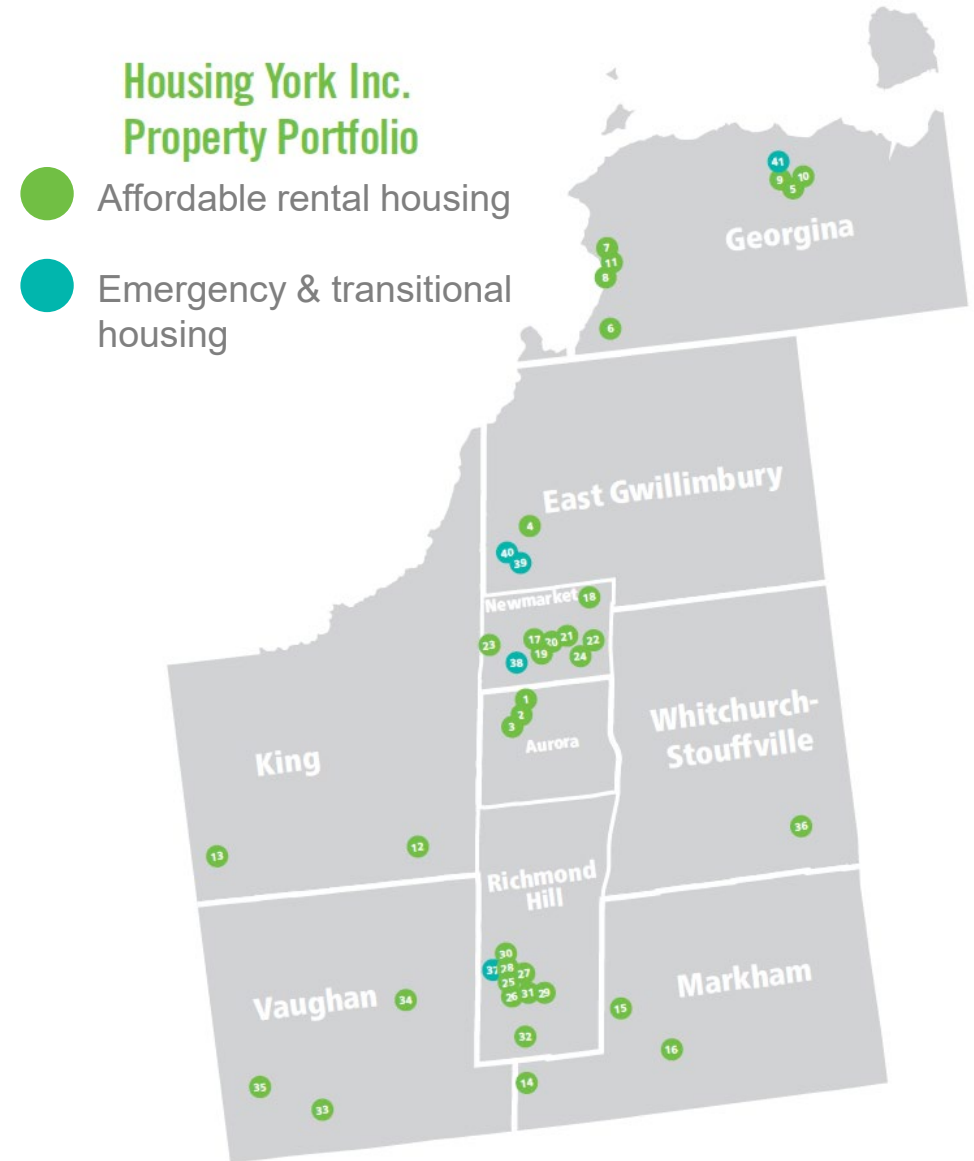
- Committed to open and transparent communication
- Respectful of neighbours ideas and concerns
- Public Information Centres
- Community Liaison Committee as main touchpoint with neighbours throughout the project



HOUSING YORK INC

WHO WE ARE

- York Region's Housing Company
- 37 properties, more than 2,700 units
- 7th largest non-profit housing provider in Ontario
- Home to more than 4,500 residents
- Own and manage several emergency and transitional housing facilities



OUR HOMES

HYI's model focuses on supporting healthy communities through:

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

Blue Willow Terrace,
Vaughan



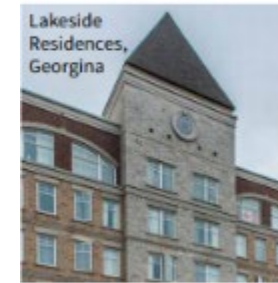
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Belinda's Place, Newmarket



Nobleview Pines, King



Lakeside
Residences,
Georgina



Elmwood Gardens,
Whitchurch-Stouffville



Mulock Village,
Newmarket



Trinity Square,
Markham



Hadley Grange,
Aurora



Richmond Hill Hub,
Richmond Hill



OUR HOMES



Woodbridge Lane – Affordable Housing



Richmond Hill Hub –
Emergency, Transitional & Affordable Housing



Belinda's Place – Emergency & Transitional Housing



THE SITE: 14452 YONGE STREET

SEARCH FOR AN EMERGENCY & 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

THE SITE - 14452 YONGE STREET, AURORA



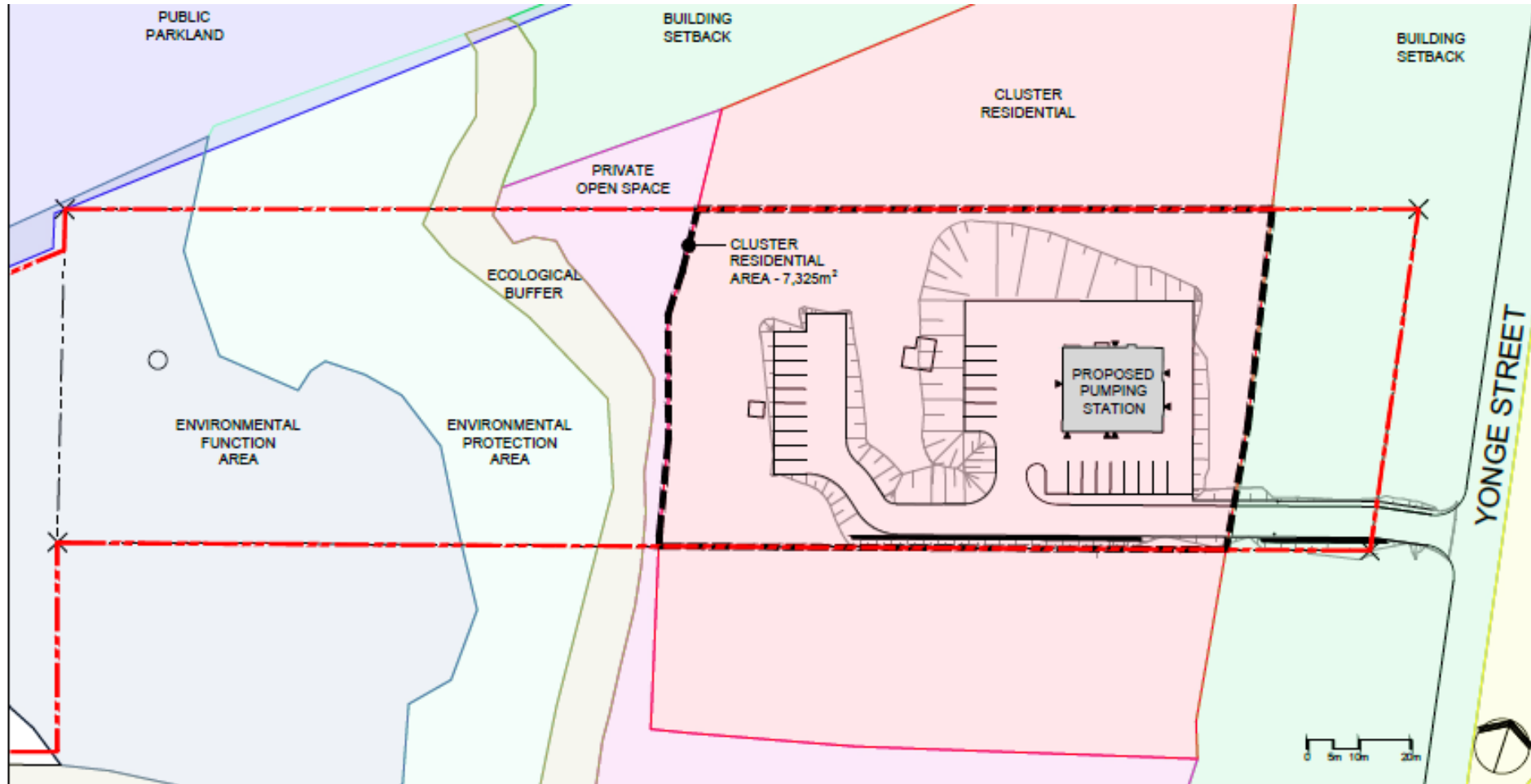
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CO-LOCATION WITH PUMPING STATION



- Exploring options for location of Emergency & Transitional Housing on the site

THE OPPORTUNITY

- Centrally located site, with access to transit
- Site is sufficient to include Emergency & 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 & NEXT STEPS

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2021



May

- Presentation to Aurora Council



June

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



September

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



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 & NEXT STEPS



2023



2024



March

- Construction of Emergency and Transitional Housing Commences



December

- Substantial Completion of Construction & Occupancy



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- Upcoming Public Engagement
- Project Information & Updates
- Presentations
- FAQs



GLEN'S STORY



THANK YOU