



# STRONG AND CARING Community

## Holiday Greetings and 2022 Year in Review

December 2022

### Box Grove Community Housing

Thank you for your continued interest in the proposed community housing development at [14th Avenue and Donald Cousens Parkway](#) in the City of Markham.

As we move into the holiday season and get ready to wrap-up this year, we'd like to share some highlights from 2022. Your input, along with support from the community and our partners, has played an important part in this work.

### Project Update

In 2022 the project team engaged with the City of Markham, nearby neighbours, community agencies, residents and business owners. Our first meeting with the Community Liaison Committee helped inform project plans and provided a forum for open conversation. Questions and comments are summarized in the report, [What we have heard so far](#).

The planning process and community engagement started early on to ensure the project is ready for development when funding is secured. In 2023 we will continue to refine plans, update planning applications, gather community feedback and report back.

We will continue to pursue planning approvals from the City to ensure the project is 'construction ready' when funding is secured.

Visit [york.ca/BoxGroveHYI](http://york.ca/BoxGroveHYI) for project updates and [answers to frequently asked questions](#).

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# Project Timeline



# Site Benefits and Features

- Addresses the significant need for housing options in the City of Markham by providing apartments that have both market rental and community housing within the same building
- Close to existing schools, parks, shops, highways and other amenities in Box Grove that make it a vibrant and healthy community
- Currently serviced by [York Region Transit](#)
- Efficient use of public funds through co-location on property already owned by York Region with infrastructure in place



# Community Engagement Activities

**1<sup>ST</sup>** Virtual Public  
Information Centre  
FEBRUARY 28, 2022

**2,000+** Mailing  
reach

**1<sup>ST</sup>** Community  
Liaison  
Committee  
meeting  
MAY 26, 2022

**10,000+**  
Project web page visits,  
January to December 2022

We are committed to keeping you informed throughout all stages of the project.

## Meet the Project Team!



We are here to gather feedback, share plans, provide information, and answer any questions you may have. Happy Holidays!



York Region is home to 1.2 million residents from more than 230 distinct ethnic groups. Celebrating diversity and being aware of the many ethno-cultural and faith-based holidays is important to fostering inclusive and welcoming communities. [#InclusiveYR](#)

## Emergency and Transitional Housing Developments

In addition to building community housing, York Region is constructing new emergency and transitional housing developments. As winter begins, the need for emergency and transitional housing remains high in our communities, and many individuals and families struggle to secure safe and affordable housing.

To help people keep and find housing, York Region recently opened Passage House, an 18-unit transitional housing building for adult men in the Town of East Gwillimbury. The Bridge in the Town of Georgina provides duplex style housing units for youth and is nearing completion. Visit [york.ca/RapidHousing](http://york.ca/RapidHousing) for more information.

To learn more about housing developments being planned or currently under construction, visit [york.ca/HousingDevelopments](http://york.ca/HousingDevelopments)



**Passage House**  
18838 Highway 11, East Gwillimbury



**The Bridge**  
20898 Dalton Road, Georgina

People experiencing homelessness in York Region who are seeking shelter are asked to contact the York Region Emergency Housing Central Intake Line at **1-877-464-9675 ext. 76140**. This phone line is answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## Stay Informed

For further information about the Box Grove community housing development and other York Region community housing developments, engagement opportunities or the work of the Community Liaison Committee, please contact:

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