

Toronto Supportive Housing Growth Plan

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The Toronto Supportive Housing Growth Plan unites supportive housing providers from across to increase supply of supportive housing in Toronto.

This will be achieved by developing new ways of working together to build capacity for expansion and development, and by developing new ways of working with the City, province and federal governments to collaboratively increase impact.

Opportunity

- City of Toronto target of 18,000 new units
- Leverage federal and provincial funding, and work with the City of Toronto to expedite the development of supportive housing
- Increase development capacity in the sector
- Develop more collaborative ways of planning and working - within the sector and with governments

Approach

RESEARCH

To arrive at new conclusions, you need new information.

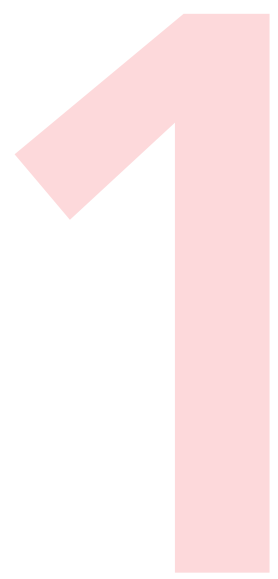
ENGAGEMENT

At every phase, maximizing understanding and buy-in.

COMMUNICATION

To hold the space, and make for no surprises.

Process

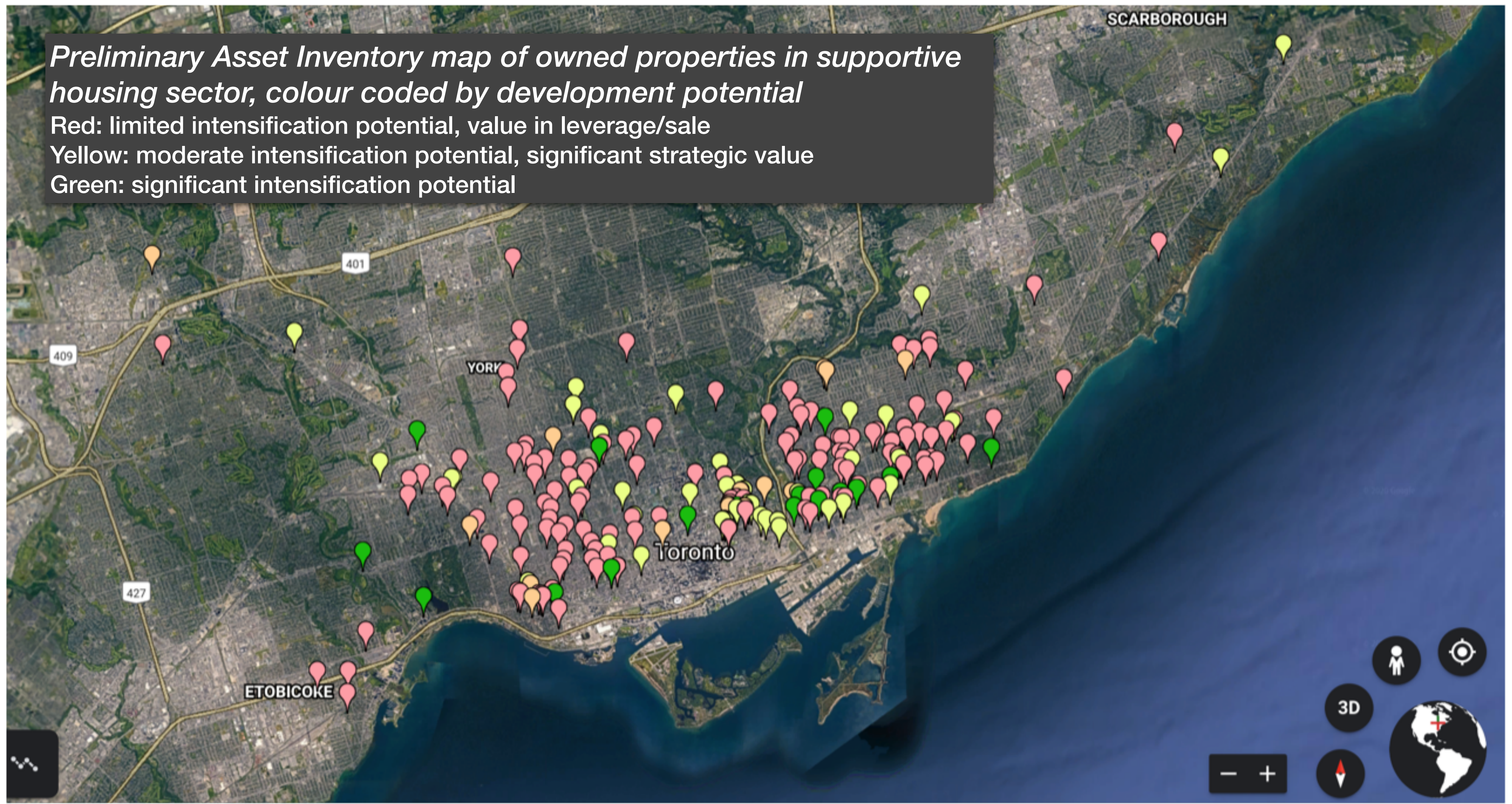


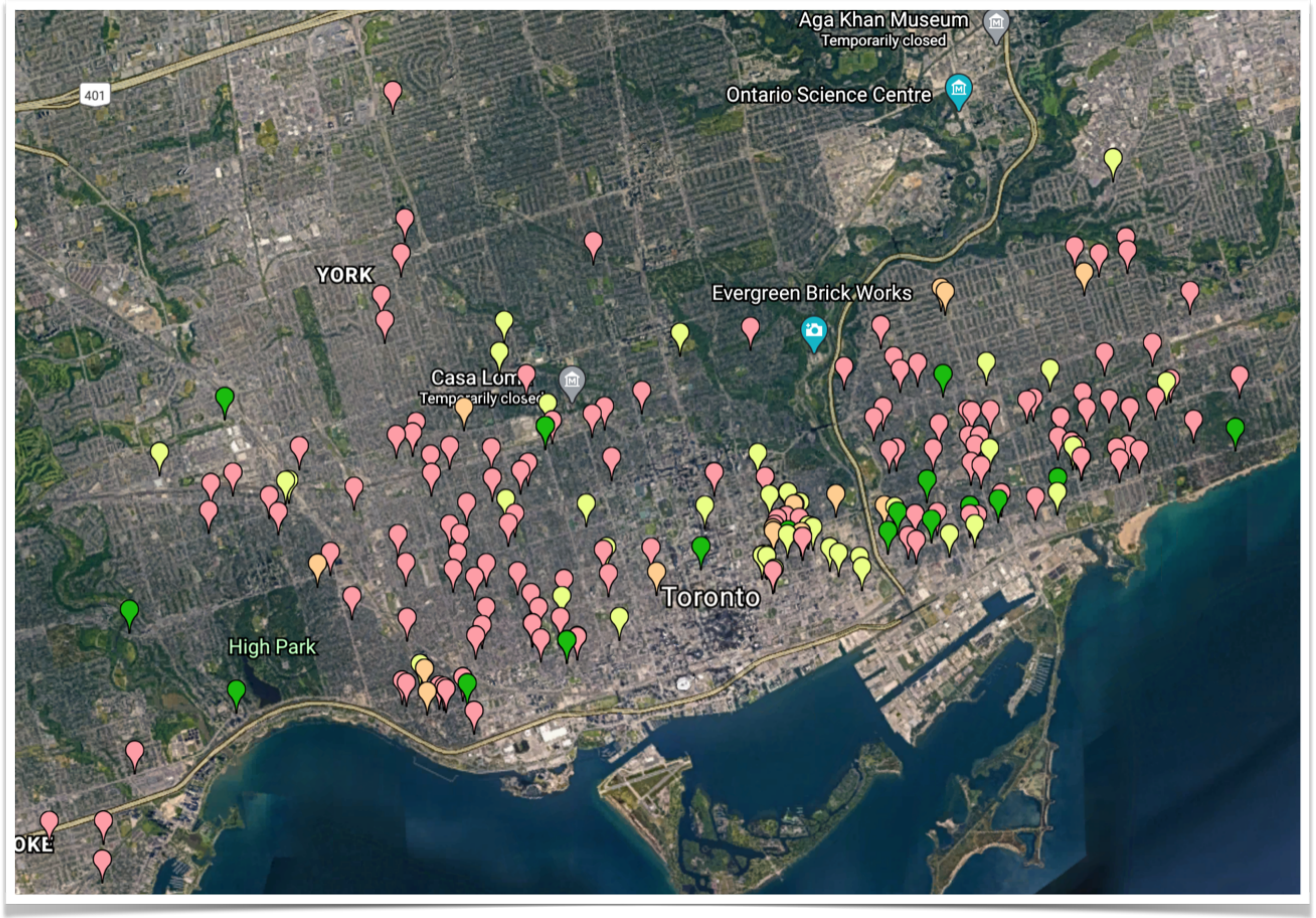
ASSET INVENTORY

Quantifying, for the first time, what assets currently exist in the supportive housing sector in terms of physical stock, land, and rent supplements - and how these could be leveraged towards new supply.

Over 40 agencies are participating in the asset inventory – more than two thirds of Toronto's Alternative Housing and mental health and addictions providers.

Preliminary Asset Inventory map of owned properties in supportive housing sector, colour coded by development potential
Red: limited intensification potential, value in leverage/sale
Yellow: moderate intensification potential, significant strategic value
Green: significant intensification potential





Process

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NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Developing a more detailed understanding of need, including both the range and typology of housing and supports required.

Build best practices, ensure the plan starts with people, understanding their needs, and the evidence of what works.

Process

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FUNDING ANALYSIS

Understanding how existing funding from all orders of government could be applied in more strategic ways to go further in meeting need, and where new funding could be targeted in a more evidence-informed way to fill the remaining gap.

Process

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ENGAGEMENT

Engaging the sector and governments as these elements are carried out and building sector buy-in around needs and priorities.

Process

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THE GROWTH PLAN

Synthesizing these elements into the Toronto Supportive Housing Growth Plan to support the sector in advocacy and pursuing new sector-led solutions.

The Growth Plan will include:

- Key statements of sector alignment pertaining to: environment, need, readiness for new solutions
- Sector-led Strategies to grow the stock of supportive housing - including both immediate actions and longer-term strategies
- Recommendations for action to City of Toronto, provincial government, federal government, and other funders

Outcomes

- Establish shared priorities for meeting need across the sector
- Model new ways for the sector to work together that deepen integration, coordination, and the impact of existing work and resources
- Increase sector development capacity
- Develop a unified voice for the sector to work with government partners on evidence-driven policy

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- CAMH
- CMHA Toronto
- Community Living Toronto
- COTA
- Covenant House
- Ecuhome
- Eva's Phoenix Housing Program
- Fife House
- Fred Victor
- Habitat Services
- Homes First
- Hong Fook
- Houselink
- John Howard Society
- Loft Community Services
- Mainstay
- PARC
- Salvation Army
- Woodgreen Community Services
- YMCA GTA
- YWCA Toronto

Co-Sponsors



**Canadian Mental
Health Association**
Toronto

With broad cross-sector and PWLE Engagement

- Supportive housing providers - TAEH, Toronto Mental Health and Addictions Supportive Housing Network, Developmental Services agencies, justice-focused agencies
- THRIVE Table
- All levels of government and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
- People with lived experience and consumer representatives
- Indigenous CAB and providers
- Ontario Health Teams
- Other actors as identified and required
- Newsletter to keep stakeholders informed

Timeline

The Growth Plan will be completed by the end of calendar, 2020. Participating organizations are working already to identify and leverage every opportunity to collaborate and expand the stock of supportive housing, leaving some overlap between Plan formation and early implementation phases.

PHASE 1

Research
Generating the plan

January - November 2020

PHASE 2

Prototyping
Capacity building
Advocacy

June 2020 - May 2021

PHASE 3

Implementing
Demonstrating
Advocacy

June 2021 - ongoing

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