

December 2, 2020

Hello New Toronto community members,

We would like to provide you with an update on the property we were pursuing at 2950+2970 Lake Shore Blvd West. After a comprehensive due diligence process, the City of Toronto will no longer be acquiring the property. The decision not to proceed with the acquisition is a reflection of information gained during the City's diligence review of the site, including building condition assessments and environmental assessments. It was determined that the City would not be able to proceed with the renovation and activation of the site within the Council approved budget and project timeline required for the acquisition.

The early engagement work done during this due diligence stage revealed a passionate community with diverse perspectives and a commitment to building a strong resilient neighbourhood. The reports resulting from the early engagement activities will be published shortly and will be available on the 2950+2970 Lake Shore Blvd West web page ([www.toronto.ca/ShelterExpansionSites](http://www.toronto.ca/ShelterExpansionSites)). The work we begun together will provide a strong framework for siting any future housing and homelessness services in your area. And while SSHA's involvement is wrapping up at the site, the community has had many important conversations, revealing an opportunity to continue to work together to collaborate in order to strengthen your neighbourhood. Please note that the early community engagement had no bearing on the decision to not move forward on the site.

Finally, we want to extend our gratitude to the team of City of Toronto staff and third-party consultants who worked rigorously to identify the 2950+2970 Lake Shore Blvd. West location, conduct due diligence and support a robust early engagement plan for the site. Ensuring that there are shelter and supportive housing services available to people in communities across Toronto remains a priority for SSHA and the City as a whole. While this project will no longer be going forward, the City will continue to actively work with Councillor Grimes to search for appropriate shelter sites across the City. We hope that this was just the beginning of our conversations and look forward to working together with the New Toronto community again in the future.

If you have further questions or concerns related to this project, please contact [clc.2950.70lakeshoreblvdwest@gmail.com](mailto:clc.2950.70lakeshoreblvdwest@gmail.com).

If you have questions or concerns about something in your community, it may be useful to note the following contacts:

### 311

3-1-1 | 416-338-0889 (TTY)

Report concerns about:

- Homeless individuals who need support
- [Excessive noise](#)
- Excessive litter
- Hazardous materials in parks

**Central Intake**

416-397-5637

- Telephone support to individuals seeking access to emergency shelter.

**Police Non-Emergency**

416-808-2222 | 416-467-0493 (TTY)

- Report crimes where no person is in immediate danger (i.e. theft, vandalism, fraud).

**9-1-1**

- In an emergency, always call 911 (fires, crimes in progress, medical emergencies requiring an ambulance).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Justin Lewis".

Justin Lewis  
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Shelter, Support & Housing Administration