#### SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN TORONTO



#### **292-296 Parliament St – Community Meeting** Wednesday June 23, 2021



#### Land Acknowledgement

This site is on the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.



#### Guidelines for respectful dialogue

- We are here tonight to hear from everyone who wants to share their perspective in a safe and respectful way
- Community Meetings are meant to be safe spaces where people can listen and share
- Discrimination or abusive language of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in a warning, followed by removal from the event



#### Today's agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Taking collective action on homelessness
- Details on the supportive housing proposed at 292-296 Parliament St
- Timeline
- Supporting the success of the building



#### How to participate

• FOR SMARTPHONES



 Tap the Participants panel button at the top right of the screen. Then tap Raise Hand at the bottom right of the screen.

#### • FOR TABLETS

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#### FOR TELEPHONE

**Press \*3** to raise your hand. **Press \*6** to unmute your microphone.

Note: This meeting is being recorded.



#### It takes a community to address homelessness





#### Homelessness in Toronto

- There are more than 7,800 people experiencing homelessness in Toronto
- New homes with supports are urgently needed to ensure everyone has a warm, safe place to call home





# Pathways to homelessness





#### Providing dignity and supporting well-being





#### Increasing the supply of supportive housing





## Creating new homes with supports at 292-296 Parliament St



The City of Toronto has purchased the building at 292-296 Parliament Street to provide new homes with supports for approximately 24 people.



#### New warm, safe and permanent rental homes

The new homes will be:

- Dedicated to women, Indigenous residents, seniors, and other people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- One and two-bedroom apartments with a bathroom and a kitchen.

The building includes amenities such as shared **laundry**, a commercial **kitchen**, a **dining area**, a **communal area** and **programming space**.



What is supportive housing?

Supportive housing provides **permanent rental homes** with support services





#### How supportive housing works

- Managed by non-profit housing operators that bring professional building management experience and expertise providing customized supports
- All residents in supportive housing have made a choice to live there, pay rent, and are able to access the supports
- The operator takes care of the residents, the building and the property



# A professional and experienced non-profit housing operator

The City will select an experienced non-profit housing operator to manage the building at 292-296 Parliament St based on a number of criteria including but not limited to:

- Effective in working with the Councillor and local community
- Experience managing affordable and supportive housing
- Strong track record in tenant engagement/communications
- Experience working with a range of tenants, including marginalized and vulnerable populations.



## DISCUSSION



#### Timeline



Dates in the timeline are approximate and subject to change.



#### Photos of 292-296 Parliament St



Two-bedroom suite



Bedroom



#### Photos of 292-296 Parliament St



Common area



Rooftop/outdoor common area



## DISCUSSION



# Homes with supports help create safe, inclusive communities for everyone



## Coming together to support the success of the building

- Building homes with supports can offer an opportunity for people to come together and create welcoming, safe and inclusive communities for all.
- By working together, we can reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness and help save lives.







Local artists created a "healing and playful atmosphere" by installing custom designed artwork to welcome residents to their new homes.



## DISCUSSION



#### Thank you

#### **Community Liaison:**

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For more information on these new homes, please visit: www.Toronto.ca/292Parliament

