# **COMMUNITY BULLETIN #4**

## 76 CHURCH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

We would like to thank all community members we had the pleasure of meeting and working with during our time on this project. As the third party community engagement facilitators for 76 Church St., our activities are now complete.

All community engagement activities are now transitioned to the 76 Church St. shelter operator and the Community Liaison Committee (CLC). The CLC is made up of committed and passionate community residents, business owners, BIA representatives, Toronto Police Services liaison, and local community agency representatives.

If you are interested in CLC activities or in joining the committee, please send an email to: <u>clc.76church@gmail.com</u>.

Maria Crawford and Violetta Ilkiw Barnes Management Group, Community Engagement Facilitators for 76 Church St.

If you wish to provide any comments/feedback, or share your questions related to the 76 Church Street shelter site, please contact the shelter operator or the Community Liaison Committee:

Send us an email and ask to be added to the mailing list:

clc.76church@gmail.com

Any updates will also be posted to the project website at:

76 Church Street

## **ONGOING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

#### **1.** How can we support the shelter? What does the shelter need? Can I volunteer there or donate food, clothing or supplies?

The City of Toronto welcomes involvement of the local community. At other shelters, community members have helped with fundraising and donation drives, program facilitation, event assistance, meal preparation, and a wide variety of advocacy work. Links with the local community help reduce the social isolation of residents and make the programs more successful.

To share your ideas for supporting the shelter, please send an email to <u>clc.76church@gmail.com</u>. Opportunities for volunteering and providing donations will be discussed and determined through the Community Liaison Committee, which includes representatives from local residents, community services, and business organizations.

#### 2. What if I have more questions or have immediate concerns?

For questions about community engagement activities or to provide feedback to the Community Liaison Committee, please contact the shelter community engagement team by email: <u>clc.76church@gmail.com.</u>

If you are witnessing or involved in an emergency, please call 911.

For general inquiries about homelessness, please contact: <a href="mailto:ssha.homeless@toronto.ca">ssha.homeless@toronto.ca</a>.

All media inquiries should be directed to media@toronto.ca.

### ABOUT GEORGE STREET REVITALIZATION

In this last community update to you, we would like to share some information about the George Street Revitalization. The 76 Church St. shelter site is a part of this larger project, transforming the kinds of support available for vulnerable populations, as well as the George Street streetscape.

- The George Street Revitalization (GSR) project will see the closure and redevelopment of Seaton House which is the largest men's shelter in Toronto. Seaton House and adjacent properties will be transformed into a shared facility providing specialized care for vulnerable populations, including a long-term care home, a transitional living facility, an emergency shelter, affordable housing, and a community hub serving residents of both the site and the local neighbourhood. For additional information about the George Street Revitalization Project, please visit <u>George Street Revitalization – City of Toronto.</u>
- Replacement sites for Seaton House, including 76 Church Street, have been opened to support the GSR as a resource for men experiencing homelessness. Transition sites are located across the City, from Kingston Road to Runnymede Road. Current residents of Seaton House are being transitioned to these new locations, and Seaton House is expected to be fully decommissioned by July 2022.