

Community Bulletin #1 – 2299 Dundas St West

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First of all, a hearty greeting from the team working on community engagement around the new shelter at 2299 Dundas St West. Welcome to new people who have signed up to receive updates about the project through Community Bulletins. We encourage you to share the Community Bulletin as broadly as possible. The more people that are fully informed, the better it is for everyone.

The shelter is part of [George Street Revitalization project](#) and will be operated by City of Toronto Seaton House staff. The site will have with up to 80 beds for people who identify as male relocated from the Seaton House shelter. The anticipated opening date for this shelter is Q2 2024.

This is the first Community Bulletin on the development at the new shelter at 2299 Dundas St West and includes information on:

- The Committee of Adjustment and the Toronto Local Appeal Board (TLAB) outcome
- Anticipated new timelines for construction and opening
- Community Engagement plans

You have not heard from us for a while. This is very simply because there was not much to report. On the formal planning side, the project made its way through the Committee of Adjustment on December 10, 2019. The Committee of Adjustment decision was then appealed to the Toronto Local Appeal Board (TLAB). The appeal was withdrawn by the appellant on December 15, 2021 and we are ready to move forward. For more details on the TLAB decision, please visit [Toronto Local Appeal Body, Withdrawal Decision](#).

With the planning approvals now fully in place, this is now a good time to report out on the project and on what the community can expect going forward.

This Community Bulletin as well as other information will be available on the [project web page for 2299 Dundas St. West](#) for those that want quick and easy access to additional relevant information on this project.

NEW TIMELINE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPENING

The following are the forecasted dates and anticipated milestones, noting that they are subject to change:

Construction Timeline	Approximate Date
Anticipated Construction Start	Q4 2022

Substantial Construction Completion	Q2 2024
Opening Date	Q2 2024

PLANNED SERVICES AT 2299 DUNDAS ST. WEST

The site at 2299 Dundas St. West will be a transitional shelter focused on serving individuals who identify as male and are experiencing chronic homelessness. This site will largely serve up to 80 individuals from the Annex & Infirmary Program currently located at Seaton House. 2299 Dundas St. West will offer comprehensive harm reduction supports, including but not limited to a Managed Alcohol Program (MAP). MAP recognizes that abstinence is not achievable or appropriate for everyone and helps address the acute, chronic and social harms associated with drinking alcohol in street-based settings.

This site will also offer a shelter based Infirmary program to support male-identified individuals experiencing homelessness who have been discharged from hospital with multiple co-morbidities and overall acute health issues up to and including palliative and end of life care.

The programs at 2299 Dundas St West are related to changes happening at Seaton House, a city-run shelter in the east end of Toronto. Seaton House’s downtown location is being redeveloped as part of the George Street Revitalization (GSR). Seaton House and adjacent properties will be transformed into a shared facility providing specialized care for vulnerable populations, including a long term care home, 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 GSR project, please visit [George St Revitalization Project](#).

2299 Dundas St. West is a transition site for George Street Revitalization. This shelter’s primary purpose is to serve as a GSR transition site for residents from Seaton House Annex & Infirmary Program until the new facility is completed in a few years.

The City of Toronto’s Shelter, Support and Housing Administration will be responsible for the running and management of 2299 Dundas St. West.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GOING FORWARD

The City has contracted a Community Engagement Facilitator to work with the local community. They can be reached at clc.2299dundaswest@gmail.com. Depending on the volume of emails, you may not receive an immediate individual response. Instead, themes of questions might need to be addressed in a future Community Bulletin.

Here is how you can keep up-to-date and be a part of the community-building efforts going forward:

1) Check out the [City webpage for 2299 Dundas St. West](#) for all up to date information pertaining to this project.

2) Sign-up for the Community Bulletins: If you would like to receive these periodic Community Bulletins over the next couple of years or so, you can sign up by sending an email to clc.2299dundaswest@gmail.com. The Community Bulletins will also be added to the project web page for 2299 Dundas St. West. Please share the Community Bulletin with your friends, neighbours and resident's associations.

3) You can also request to meet with the Community Engagement Facilitator, if you are a residents' association, community-/health organization, BIA representative, community resident and/or school in the area.