

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN TORONTO



Creating affordable homes for people in need at 65 Dundas St. E.

The City of Toronto is purchasing the property at 65 Dundas St. E. to respond to the urgent need for permanent affordable homes.

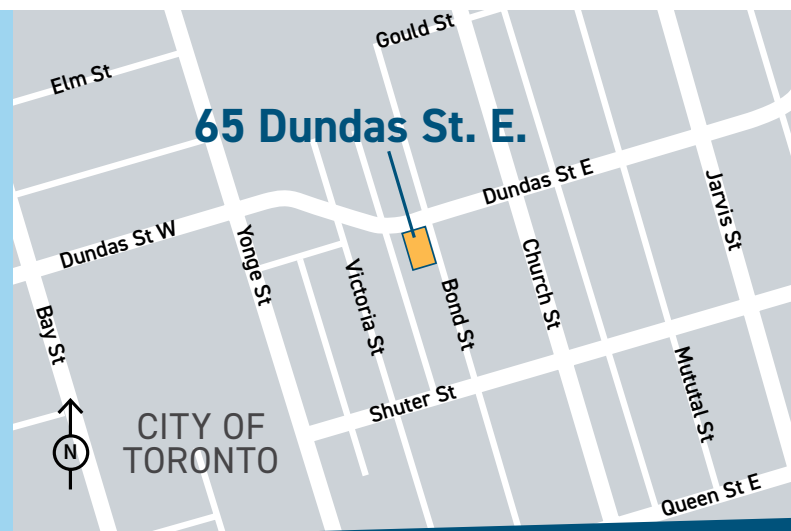
The existing building will be renovated to offer:

- homes for a range of incomes, including some deeply affordable homes with supports
- studio and one-bedroom apartments with a private bathroom and kitchenette
- at least 15% of the apartments will be accessible (e.g. washrooms with roll-in shower, vanity, toilet area, and grab bars and barrier-free paths throughout the suite)
- amenities such as shared laundry, a dining area, communal space, and multiple programming and tenant support spaces

Please contact the Community Liaison to request these materials in another language.

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Affordable rental homes

Meeting a range of housing needs in the community

There continues to be an urgent need for affordable housing in Toronto. Almost half of Toronto renter households spend more than 30% of their income on rent, with 23% spending more than 50% of their income on rent.

As of 2016, approximately 38% of Toronto households earned less than \$50,000 per year. Based on current market rental rates, studio apartments are unaffordable for nearly 40% of Toronto households.

The City of Toronto is responding to this urgent need and is currently in the final stages of completing the acquisition of the property to create a range of new, permanent affordable and supportive homes.

The renovated building will offer affordable rental apartments for people struggling with the high cost of living and impacted by poverty.

Temporary Shelter Program

As part of the City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for physical distancing in the shelter system, 65 Dundas St. E. was leased by the City of Toronto for use as a temporary shelter program.

Starting in September, the shelter program will begin a phased closure while renovations take place. All clients will receive support to move to another shelter or into housing before the closure of the temporary shelter program, expected by the end of 2023.



Homes with supports

Providing dignity and supporting wellbeing

There are approximately 8,000 people experiencing homelessness in Toronto. New homes with supports are urgently needed to ensure everyone has a warm, safe place to call home.

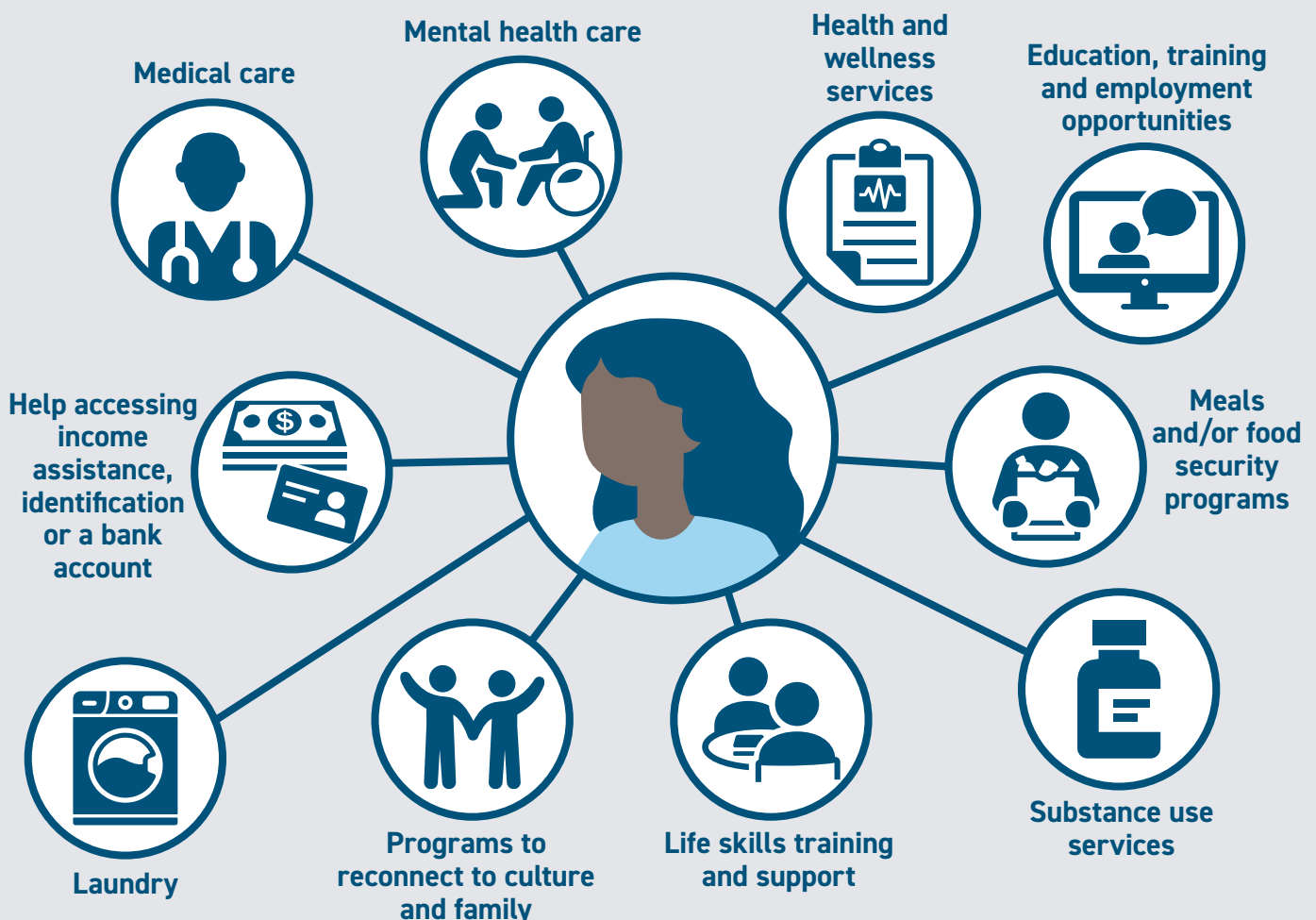
The City of Toronto affirms that adequate housing is essential to a person's dignity and worth and that all residents should have an equal opportunity to thrive and develop to their full potential.

To respond to this urgent need, the building will also provide supportive housing opportunities which offer a range of physical and mental health care services to help residents maintain their housing and wellbeing.

The supportive housing apartments will be available to people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness. Tenants will pay no more than 30% of their income on rent or the shelter allowance of their income assistance, whichever is greater.

Connecting residents to services and programs

Building homes with supports can offer an opportunity for people to come together and create welcoming, safe and inclusive communities for all.





Moving forward at **65 Dundas St. E.**

The City has committed to purchasing the building at 65 Dundas St. E. and is currently in the final stages of completing the acquisition of the property to provide permanent homes for people in need as quickly as possible.

The City is working through the transition from shelter to permanent housing with Dixon Hall Neighbourhood Services to ensure residents are properly supported.

An experienced property manager will also be selected through a competitive process in 2022 to partner with the support services provider.



A Community Liaison is available to receive community comments and questions

Dates in the timeline are approximate and subject to change.

To provide feedback or to ask questions, contact the Community Liaison:

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For more information on these new homes, please visit: toronto.ca/65Dundas

These homes are funded as part of Phase 2 of the Government of Canada's Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) which is providing \$1.5 billion in grant funding nationally. In Toronto, this funding can cover the cost of acquisition of land and construction of modular housing; acquisition of land and existing buildings for the purpose of conversion to affordable housing; and acquisition of land and rehabilitation of housing.