ONLINE/TELEPHONE COMMUNITY REPORT BACK SESSION 2035 KENNEDY ROAD

October 6, 2022

6:00pm to 7:30pm





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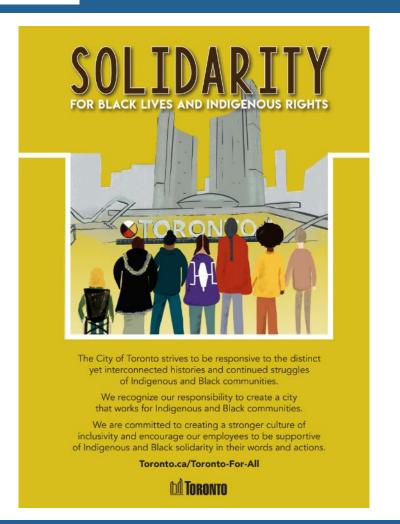
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Presenters

Maria Crawford and Violetta Ilkiw, Community Engagement Facilitators

Suhal Ahmed, Manager, Planning & Engagement, Shelter, Support, Housing and Administration (SSHA), City of Toronto

Scott McDonald, Manager of Hotel Programs, Homes First Society





Purpose & Agenda for Today's Presentation



Purpose

- Provide an update on 2035
 Kennedy Road including
 services and supports currently
 at the site and ongoing
 community engagement
 activities
- Respond to questions, concerns and offers of support from the community.
- Contribute to the success of the shelter in the community and next steps

Agenda Items

- 1. Opening Remarks
- 2. Background & Overview of Community Engagement
- 3. Report Back What we heard
- 4. Homes First Update
- 5. Q&A
- 6. Closing and Wrap Up



Opening Remarks

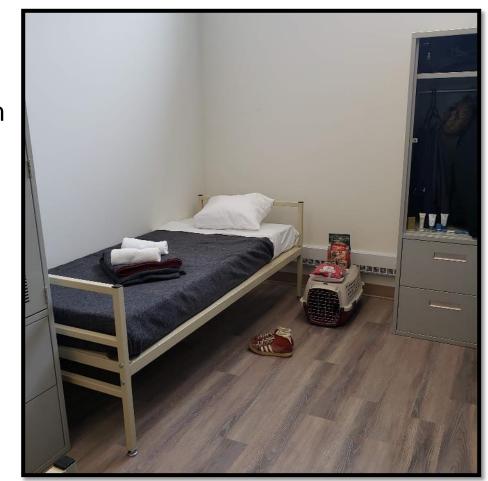
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Context of Homelessness in Toronto

- Based on the 2021 Street Needs Assessment, it is estimated that there were 7,347 people experiencing homelessness in Toronto on April 21, 2021.
- More recent data shows 9,724 people used the shelter system in the last 3 month period
- Challenges in the shelter system have been compounded by the opioid crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic and limited affordable housing.
- In May 2022, there were 25 temporary shelter sites operating, providing safe shelters to approximately 3,200 people experiencing homelessness (40% of the total shelter system capacity)
- Shelter, Support and Housing Administration is developing a phased transition and relocation plan for temporary sites





Criteria for Selecting a Shelter Location



Shelters are one of many municipal services that the City provides. Like daycares, libraries and community centres, it is important that shelters are available in neighbourhoods across Toronto.



When searching for a **shelter location**, City staff will seek buildings that are available, affordable, of a suitable size, and close to transit and services.



The City operates a number of hotel locations to expand and contract available space to quickly respond to shelter demand.

As authorized by City by-laws, City staff have the Delegated Authority to site new shelters in locations that meet zoning requirements before engaging with the community.



Request for Proposal + 2035 Kennedy Road

- December 2018 Request for Proposal
- Creation of an established roster of costeffective hotels and/ or motels that could be used as emergency shelter service on an as-required basis.
- Since March 2020, 2035 Kennedy Road Temporary Shelter Program has been operational as part of the City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- The site is available until August 2024





Background and Overview Community Engagement Process

Maria Crawford & Violetta Ilkiw, Barnes Management Group
Community Engagement Facilitator





Community Engagement Activities

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- Establish Communication Mechanisms
- Community Stakeholder Meetings
- Community Safety Walk
- **Community Liaison Committee**
- Community Report Back Session

Update on Homelessness Services in Your Community



Client Group: Singles and couples of all penders apad 16-

The City of Toronto secured the shelter at 2035 Kennedy Road through a Request for Proposal to provide additional capacity in the shalter system, as reacted, until August 2024. The shalter has been used as

The City has started a community engagement plan to support the success of the shalter in the neighbourhood. This includes hiring third-party Community Engagement Facilitators to connect with the community for address local concerns and engines apportunities for collaborative engagement. A number of inhistness are culturity. underway or being planned to ensure community members are kee nformed of the services and support at the site. To learn more, visit

Support Programs at 2035 Kennedy Road

The shelter at 2035 Kennedy Road is staffed 24 hours a day seven days a week, and provides wrap-around supports to those operiencing homelessness, including:

- permanent bousing plans nursing, as well as mental health and addiction counselling
- assessments and referrals to other community services, as needed
- Addressing Community Concerns

Service providers at the site are working closely with Toronto Police Sharter, Support and Housing Administration, and Corporate Security et the City of Turonto to provide a number of community safety measures. All staff are naived on de-escalation, conflict resolution and crisis prevention, intervention and management.

The site has 10 contracted security quards to help ensure safety and security at the site and the connected parking structure. There are also security carriers at key locations on the main floor and around entrance points.

A Community Safety Team patrols the area around the shelter 24 hours a day. Wearing yellow wests, they engage with shelter residents and members of the community off property and aidhess safety concerns, such as discarded needles. In May 2022, the City added a second seem that conducts patrols between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. seven days a week

concerns to the numbers provided below so that the appropriate

Whom to Contact with Questions or Concerns

- For sits inquiries and general concerns
- Kennedy House: 418-428-9039

Community Engagement Facilitations Maria Crawford and Violetta Blow 2035kannsstyroad@gmail.com

- ommunity Safety Team: One Community Solutions Telephone (24/7): 418-389-6807 or 416-333-8917
- . Email:securedbyus@omail.com

o request help for individuals living outside who may need suppor

For emergencies le.g. fives, crimes in progress, to request an embulance

To report crimes where no person is in immediate danger (e.g. theft, vierdalism, fraud)

Telephone: 416-808-2222 | 416-487-0493 (TTY)

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2035 Kennedy Road 提供的支持项目

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- 保全力位的支持, 网络
- 辅音信/令事经理,向住户一起制定长期往舍方事
- 原位及按算制介享其他計区服务

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如有问题或疑虑

Homes First Society: 647-455-033

社区を作時間: Marie Crawford & Violette Now

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福富中心性語: 416-397-5637

向需要人性紧急收容所的个人提供电话支持。

为可能需要支持的靠限者可叫解助,也可用于报告有关规定物、申述规则、新进

报货未搬入于都约危险的犯罪(例如治动、故事破坏、败物)



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Engagement Activity: Communications



- Flyer distribution within 500m radius of shelter location
- Location/Site-specific web page
- Location/Site-specific email address
- Community members were encouraged to reach out with any questions, concerns or recommendations about the shelter and engagement opportunities at: 2035kennedyroad@gmail.com
- You can continue to send emails to: 2035kennedyroad@gmail.com, and ask for your email to be added to the mailing list to receive any updates on the shelter.
- Emails received at the gmail account will be forwarded and managed by Community Engagement at 2035 Kennedy Road and directed for action (if required) to the Community Liaison Committee



Engagement Activity: Stakeholder Meetings



Stakeholder meetings included representatives from the following stakeholders:

- Toronto Police Services
- Immediate neighbours to site
- Business representatives
- Community Associations
- Community leaders

- Community service providers
- Faith community
- Local school representatives
- People with lived experience
- Community Health Centres



Engagement Activity: Community Safety Walk



- In-person community safety walk to identify safety concerns in the area around the shelter & share recommendations to address concerns
- A second walk was added to address concerns of residents re: Agincourt Mall area
- Broad range of community participation in both walks with a total of 25 community members joining
- All non shelter concerns will be forwarded to appropriate bodies
- Community Safety Walk Report will be available on the City website for the shelter and will be an agenda item for the CLC to review



Engagement Activity: Community Liaison Committee



- A formal committee connected to a shelter service.
- Representatives of the community (condo boards, residence associations, business groups and local community organizations).
- Key stakeholders and other interested residents have the opportunity to provide the City with input on how to make the new shelter a success in the community and address issues and concerns.
- Meets on a regular basis to address questions, share information, discuss and collectively problem solve community concerns, and link shelter needs with community offers of support.



2035 Kennedy Road Community Liaison Committee



- The first meeting of the Community Liaison Committee (CLC) was held on September 20, 2022
- 14 committee members participated
- Members include: community and shelter residents, AVCA, Agincourt Mall management, TPS - Div. 42, condo management, Knox United & Agincourt Baptist churches, ACSA, TAIBU CHC, Metrolinx, Homes First, City representative, Councillor's office



 For more information or questions 2035kennedyroad@gmail.com



What we heard from Community

A summary of some key comments/concerns heard from stakeholder meetings:

- Concerns expressed by community residents about an increase in crime in the area (identified as mostly petty crime, theft, car break-ins, etc)
- Concerns regarding the recent re-structuring at Toronto Police Services (TPS) and the loss of the TPS constables that are familiar with the community, as well as the changes in response times that results from this re-structuring.
- A high level of dissatisfaction with responses from 211 & 311.
- Encampments in the area and occasionally in the park or on private condo property remain a concern.





What we heard

- Community groups and organizations want to deepen their connection to the shelter and other community organizations in order to better serve homeless individuals in the community
- Concerns expressed by condo and shelter residents regarding public drug use and drug paraphernalia found in the community.
- Shelter residents indicate that their interactions in the community are primarily positive. In instances where they have been able to engage with community members they have found community members to be open to discussion and learning about their lives and issues.
- Community stakeholders would like to see enhanced policing, health and social services in order to feel safe and comfortable in their community.





Recommendations



- The creation of additional opportunities for various community members and organizations to become more involved in supporting 2035 Kennedy Road, and the residents who reside there.
- Explore opportunities to deepen collaboration with other community social service agencies who have indicated a desire to become more involved in supporting the shelter.
- Develop more public education opportunities for community members in relation to homelessness, and mental health challenges; and how you can assist in strengthening your community's response to homelessness.



Recommendations



- Meet with appropriate bodies to advocate for better response times and faster action when calling about garbage, encampments, Community Crisis Response Team and Toronto Police Services.
- Meet with construction companies to request that sites be kept clean and not become dumping grounds for other rubbish.
- CLC and Community Crisis Response Program, SDFA of the City of Toronto collaborate on next steps in responding to community safety concerns
- Share findings from CSW hosted by Councillor Mantas with the CLC and form a coordinated community response to safety issues.



Homes First Update

Scott McDonald, Manager of Hotel Programs





Homes First

- 2035 Kennedy is run by Homes First and offers case management (assessment and referrals to community services/resources), housing search help, meals, harm reduction and recreational programming.
- Homes First has been providing supportive housing and shelter for over 35 years to all populations
- One of the largest providers of homes for people with the fewest options in Toronto.





Our Residents

- 2035 Kennedy provides services to adult couples and singles of all genders.
- Ongoing outreach to people currently experiencing homelessness in neighbourhood/ encampments to offer them shelter.





Rights and Responsibilities 144

- Shelter residents are equal citizens of the city and have the same rights, freedoms and responsibilities as other residents of the city.
- They have the right to a safe place to shelter and a welcoming program.
- There are conduct expectations and rules for all clients that must be followed when staying in shelter programs.
- On-site Supervisors meet with clients 1-on-1 upon intake into the program, and go over the Good Neighbor's Policy and remind clients of rules, policies, and guidelines.





Program Goals



- Provide safe space and stabilizing supports for clients currently living in outside.
- Develop programming that has a focus on building life skills and mental wellness.
- Build a strong sense of Community internally and externally.
 Create programming opportunities that engages both the surrounding community and shelter residents together
- Create program and engagement opportunities that enables shelter residents to share their stories and experiences.



Site Operations



Services and Programming



Case Management



Harm Reduction



Health Partnerships



- All meals provided onsite
- Weekly programs and client engagement opportunities will be coordinated by a Community Engagement and Programs Coordinator.
- On-site services are not available on a drop-in basis, they are for program residents only

- Homes First provides
 case management and
 housing support for
 clients in partnership with
 Streets to Homes
- Homes First staff
 available on-site to
 support clients 24/7 in
 addition to supervisors
 on each shift
- Clients are assigned an Intensive Case Management Worker and a Housing Help Worker

- Harm reduction supports available onsite
- Parkdale/ Queen West CHC provides harm reduction supports including peer support, safe supply and safe injection supports
- Inner City Health
 Associates onsite
 providing physical,
 nursing, and psychiatric
 supports.
- Multi-Disciplinary
 Outreach Team (MDOT)
 provides mental-health
 based case management
- Trust Care Pharmacy provides medical supports



Community Safety

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- 10 Security Guards available 24/7 onsite
- 2 Community Safety Teams (CST) doing outreach in the area; one on a 24/7 basis and the other on between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. seven days a week. Wearing yellow vests, they:
 - engage with shelter residents and members of the community off property
 - pick up hazards such as discarded needles
 - help to address inappropriate activity
 - patrol of parking garage and stairwells
 - patrol area around the property and "Hotspots" in the community
- All staff members trained to respond to immediate non-police or non-EMS related matters







Story #1: N.F came to Delta on August of 2020. He was living in the streets specifically in parks all over the city. He was assaulted many times. Eventually Streets to Homes found him and referred him to Delta. He is an elderly gentleman who unfortunately has severe health conditions. Given his situation, the ICM team had been constantly supporting him to achieve his goal of having his own apartment for a more dignified daily living. He had been always focused on getting housed from the day he got to Delta.

N.F worked with the ICM team vigorously. He worked with the Housing Help Worker constantly making sure that his Access to Housing account is being checked regularly for active offers. N.F also was able to secure his IDs thru the PAID ID clinic that comes to site every week.

The ICM for health navigation also worked with him regarding his health. He was connected to Inner City Health Associates and other external health resources. He had multiple dental appointments, Occupational Therapy appointments and others which were all through the Health Navigation ICM. He developed a great rapport with the ICM team.





The team also assisted him with filing his taxes and following-up with CRA multiple times. He was very cooperative and was always diligent in keeping up with his appointments and the things that he needed to do on his part. Through his own passion and self-motivation and with ICM team's help, he was able to acquire an offer from Rapid Housing.

With the Rapid Housing offer, the Housing Help Worker patiently navigated his multiple options until he was able to choose an apartment and location that he felt is the best for him. He was very delighted with the Senior Housing apartment in the Thorncliffe neighborhood. He has all the support that he needs there. He finally moved the end of July. He was referred to the furniture bank and was accompanied by the Housing Help Worker in shopping for furniture that he needed.

As of the moment N.F is very happy with his new place. He was assisted in applying for a case worker with Toronto Housing so he could get continued support. N.F shared that he is content, happy and thankful for what he currently has.





Story #2: A client by the initials of P.E who was a recent Delta resident has been residing at the Delta Hotel for over a year and half.

After 2.5 years of being chronically homeless, P.E recently secured a full time job as a carpenter and found private housing all with the help and support of the client's onsite case worker/housing worker.

P.E has been housed for over 2 months. We have connected them with external follow up supports to help reintegrate them back into the community.





During the clients stay at the Delta Hotel Program they did everything to improve their situation, stayed vigilant with their goals in obtaining housing.

P.E worked with ICM, Housing worker and frontline staff on a daily basis to support them with important tasks such as doing their taxes, immigration status and retrieving their ID's.

During a recent follow up, P.E shared that he is doing amazing and is thankful for all the supports we had offered at Delta.



Update on Community Feedback



We have implemented several techniques and mechanisms to support community safety in the surrounding area.

Ambassador program- Clients experiencing challenges in the community will have peers engage with them in the shelter and in the community to either return to the hotel or access external resources outside the geographical area.

Referrals outside the geographical area- Clients who are restricted or looking for resources are provided with referrals and referral sheets (with maps on them) to access resources outside of the Delta area.

Increased patrols - CST and security are increasing patrols in the community to ensure everyone is supported. Areas that have frequent disturbances are having patrols increased.

Community Outreach - A supervisor from HFS, management, and leadership from CST and security are connecting with buildings and businesses in the community 1-2 times per week to explore their needs and if any additional supports are required.

We will continue to work with the CLC, Toronto Police and the City of Toronto to collaboratively problem solve community concerns, including through the mechanism of the ongoing CLC meetings.



Question and Answer Period





Question and Answer Period



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Toronto Police:

- Richard Shaw, Sergeant, 42 Division
- Shelter, Support and Housing Administration:
 - Suhal Ahmed, Manager, Planning & Engagement
 - Jennifer McGowan, Supervisor, Stakeholder & Community Engagement
 - Adriana Dyla, Agency Review Officer, Homelessness Initiatives & Prevention Services
 - Morag Perkins, Housing Consultant, Homelessness Initiatives & Prevention Services

Homes First Society:

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