

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN TORONTO



Creating affordable homes at 65 Dundas St. E.

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

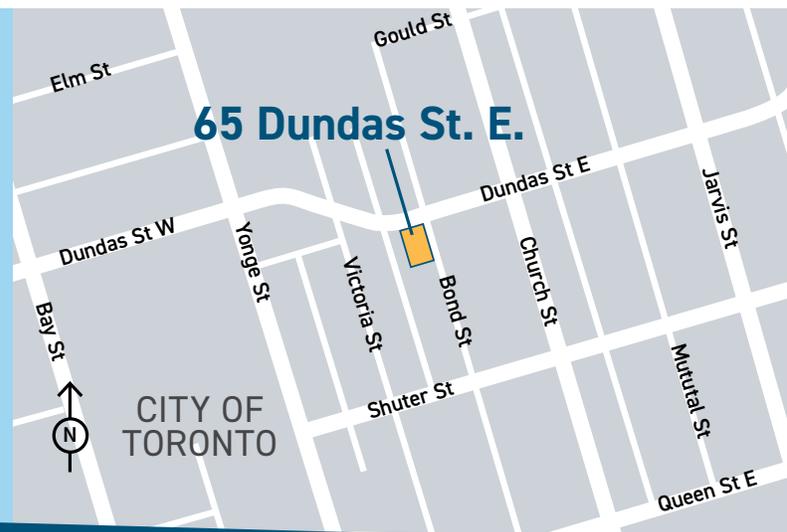
The existing building is being renovated to offer:

- 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 per cent accessible apartments (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

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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 per cent of their income on rent, with 23 per cent spending more than 50 per cent of their income on rent.

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

The City of Toronto is responding to this urgent need and has purchased 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.

The temporary shelter program at 65 Dundas St. E. is now closed. The program was gradually closed in phases between September 2022 and June 2024 to enable renovations to take place while continuing to provide much-needed shelter space. Staff on site worked with all shelter clients to support them to move into housing or to another shelter with supports.



Homes with supports

Providing dignity and supporting wellbeing

There are more than 10,000 people experiencing homelessness in Toronto. New homes with supports are urgently needed to ensure everyone has a warm, safe place to call home.

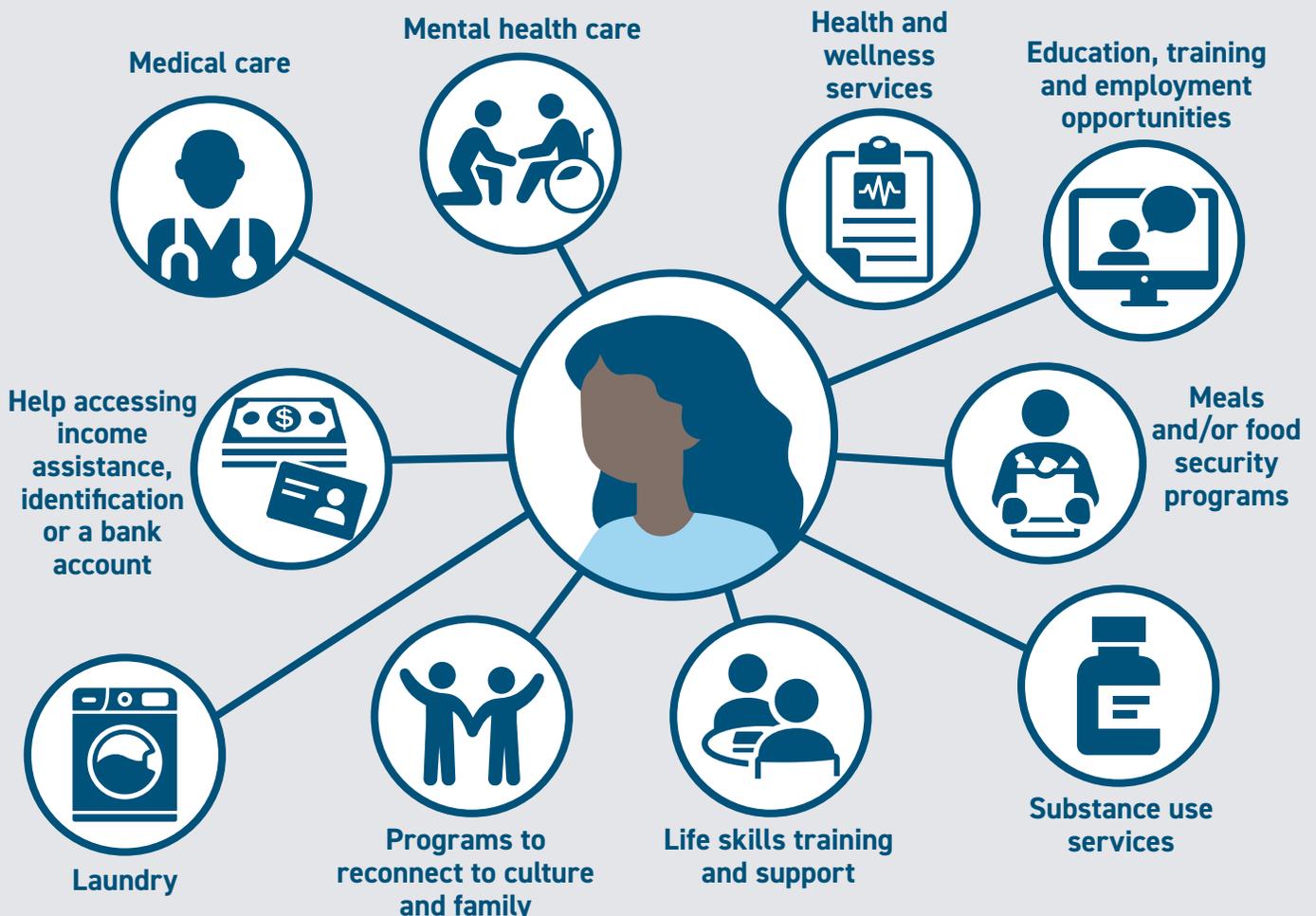
The City of Toronto affirms that adequate housing is essential to a person's dignity and worth and that all residents should have an equal opportunity to thrive and develop to their full potential.

To respond to this urgent need, the building will also provide supportive housing which offers a range of supports 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 per cent 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 is pleased to share that it has completed its competitive selection process and Dixon Hall has been selected as the housing operator. Dixon Hall is a multi-service agency, and serves more than 10,000 people annually, impacting the lives of our most vulnerable and most at-risk community members. Dixon Hall works with at-risk youth, seniors, adults with physical and health disabilities, people who need housing, individuals searching for employment, those with mental health issues, and newly immigrated individuals and their families.

Dixon Hall has been operating the temporary shelter program in the building and ensuring all shelter clients are properly supported to move into housing or another shelter with supports during construction.

The first phase of construction on the basement, lobby and floors two through seven was completed in Spring 2024. This initial phase will enable 92 people to move into new homes.

The second phase of construction on the remaining floors began in May 2024. When the renovation is complete, there will be nearly 280 permanent affordable and supportive homes for people with a range of incomes.

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.