Community Bulletin #2 - 233 Carlton St.

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Adelaide Women's Resource Centre Relocation

The Adelaide Women's Resource Centre is relocating from its current address at 67 Adelaide St. E. to 233 Carlton St. This includes the 24-hour women's drop-in operated by the Fred Victor Centre. Aging infrastructure at the Adelaide St. location made it difficult to effectively deliver the program's services at that location. 233 Carlton St. was identified as an appropriate relocation site because it has space for the delivery of a range of programs and services, is close to public transit, and is near to the Adelaide location, making it easier to continue existing services for clients.

Construction at 233 Carlton St. is expected to finish in late 2024, with the Women's Resource Centre opening in early 2025.

Resource Centre Operator – Fred Victor

Fred Victor is a multi-service organization with extensive experience providing and managing affordable housing, transitional housing, and emergency shelters – as well as offering other support services and referrals for people experiencing homelessness. Their mission is to improve the health, income and housing stability of people experiencing poverty and/or homelessness.

Fred Victor has a long history of building positive relationships in the communities they serve. They plan to work collaboratively with the community to ensure the success of the program at its new location and will explore potential new partnerships with local agencies to meet the needs of clients at 233 Carlton St.

Supports provided at the Adelaide Women's Resource Centre

Since 1998, the Adelaide Women's Resource Centre has offered a safe, welcoming place for all women. The Centre's goal is to help people who identify as women and are homeless, socially alone and isolated, or in need of assistance. At its new location, the Adelaide Resource Centre for Women will offer a variety of services and supports to help women improve their well-being and find permanent housing.

The women's drop-in at 233 Carlton St. will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with staff welcoming women in need with a place to rest, have a meal onsite, and get clothing, toiletries, hygiene products and referrals to other services. The overnight drop-in space will serve up to 32 clients.

Clients will be able to access a variety of services and supports at 233 Carlton St., including:

- Access to case management including harm reduction support and referrals to service
- Access to mental and physical healthcare
- Laundry and shower facilities
- Phones
- Classes in life skills
- Social activities

There are some new features in the renovated facility at 233 Carlton St., including a teaching kitchen, which will allow for new programming.

Community Engagement

The City is committed to connecting and engaging with stakeholders and neighbours to support the program's success – both for the individuals who will be staying there and the surrounding community. Community engagement and facilitation is being provided by the Dept of Words & Deeds on behalf of the City and Fred Victor. This includes forming a Community Liaison Committee (CLC) where representatives from the local community (e.g. condo boards, BIAs, residents' associations, and other local community organizations) can meet regularly with staff from Fred Victor and the City to share information, ask questions, and work together to support the program's success.

If you are interested in joining the CLC or wish to learn more, please email clc.233carlton@gmail.com

This Community Bulletin, as well as other information, will be available on the City's web page for <u>233 Carlton St.</u> for those that want quick and easy access to all the relevant materials for this project.

Click here for more information about the women's drop-in centre.