

New Shelter 2204-2212 Eglinton Avenue West Community Bulletin 1

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Sharing information with you

The City of Toronto is proposing a shelter location in your community at 2204-2212 Eglinton Ave. W. Engaging with the community to determine how best to integrate it into the neighbourhood is a priority for the City of Toronto.

This is the first in a series of Community Bulletins that will be shared regularly with the community to provide updates about the shelter, outline the engagement process, and address community questions.

The new shelter at 2204-2212 Eglinton Ave. W. will be one of 20 new shelter locations opening citywide that Council has directed City staff to implement over the next 10 years as part of the [Homelessness Services Capital Infrastructure Strategy](#) (HSCIS). It takes two to three years to plan, design and build a shelter. The shelter opening date for 2204-2212 Eglinton Ave. W. is anticipated for 2028.

Many ways to engage

The City of Toronto has retained Third Party Public to facilitate and support the community engagement process for 2204-2212 Eglinton Ave. W. Third Party Public's role is not to advocate for or against the shelter, but to steward a process that supports information sharing and discussion between the community and the City of Toronto.

There are many ways to ask questions, share comments, and receive updates about this site, including:



Visit the project website at toronto.ca/2204Eglinton



Sign up to receive e-updates by visiting the project website



Share questions and/or comments about the project through the project website (the same link you use to sign up for e-updates)



Send an email to 2204Eglinton@gmail.com



Leave a message for Third Party Public on the project voicemail at 647-699-2772



Request a meeting or discussion by phone, online, or in-person



Watch for this flyer

Homelessness continues to be an emergency in Toronto with more than 10,000 people actively experiencing homelessness.

The City is distributing flyers to all six communities with planned shelter locations, including 2204-2212 Eglinton Ave. W.

Why are new shelters needed?

The City's shelter system is currently full. Demand for shelter space continues to increase due to inflated costs of living, insufficient affordable housing supply, inadequate wage and income supports, and an increase in the number of refugee claimants arriving in Toronto.

For example, in the past 10 years, the average market rent for a one-bedroom unit has increased by 57%, while the Ontario Works shelter allowance has only increased by 4%. Ontario Works provides financial assistance for Ontario residents who cannot find work, are not able to work, or they are working but making little money.

Engagement Road Map for 2204-2012 Eglinton Ave W

Direction from Toronto City Council

2017

Delegation of Authority

City Council authorized the Deputy City Manager to approve specific sites for shelters, provided criteria are met.

2021

Updated Engagement Process

City Council approves an improved community engagement process.

2023

Capital Infrastructure Strategy

City Council approves increasing shelter spaces by 60% across 20 new purpose-built shelters and expanding shelter system capacity by 240 beds to respond to sector-specific needs.

Sep-
Oct
2024

Phase 1: Planning & Early Engagement

Including site selection, Councillor briefing, and location approval by Deputy City Manager. City retains Community Engagement Facilitator.

Nov
2024
-2027

Phase 2: Active Engagement

Including public flyers and communications (website, email, voicemail). Collect feedback, respond to inquiries and questions, issue regular e-updates. Host information events such as Open House or Information Session.

Interested community members can sign up for a Community Liaison Committee (CLC).

City staff starts selection process of the shelter operator.

2027

Phase 3: Transition of engagement responsibility to Shelter operator

2028+

Ongoing engagement with Shelter Operator

Regular meetings held with the CLC to work together with the community on shelter integration.

Target Dates* for Design & Planning Work for 2204-2212 Eglinton Ave. W.

Q3 2024 – Q3 2025

Design Development:

The City works with multidisciplinary teams of consultants to plan and design the new shelter, ensuring all functional, aesthetic and regulatory requirements are met.

2026 Construction

2028 Tentative Occupancy

**Disclaimer: These dates are high-level estimates and may vary as the project progresses. Actual timelines may be subject to change based on various factors throughout the development process.*

Also note that the City plans in quarters of a year that represent 3 month blocks of time. Q1 is January to March, Q2 is April to June, Q3 is July to September, and Q4 is October to December.