

66 Third St. Virtual Townhall

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

7:00PM to 8:30PM



Welcome

Purpose

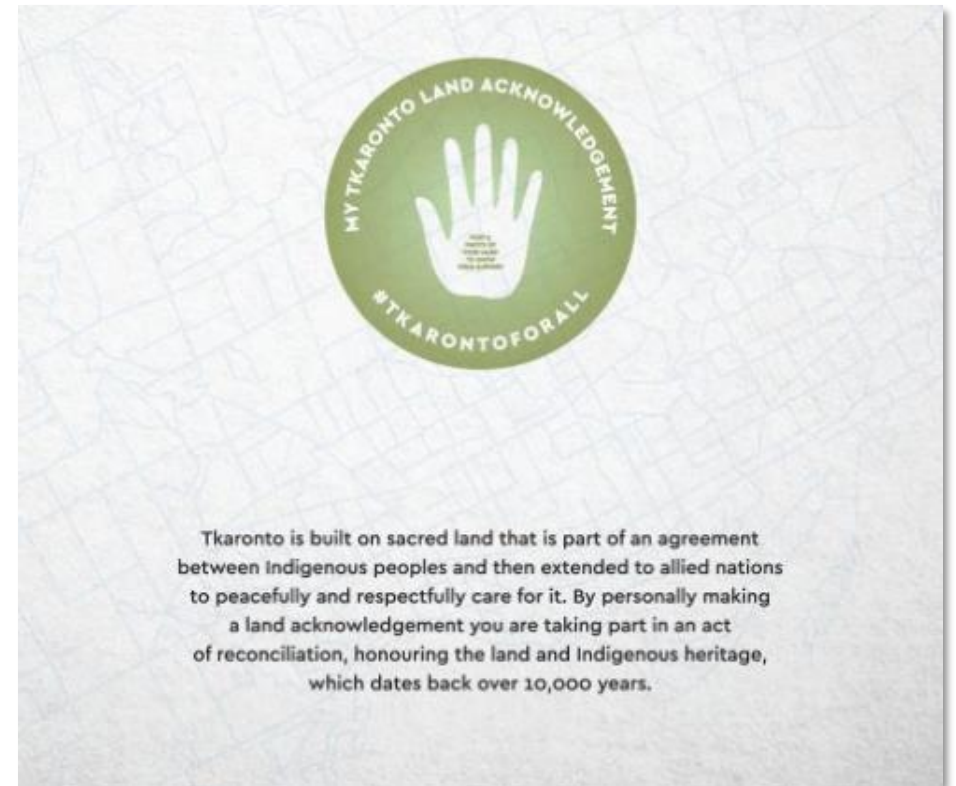
- **Highlight community feedback received, provide updates and an overview of 66 Third St.**
- **Respond to questions, concerns, and offers of support from the community**
- **Contribute to the success of the shelter in the community**

Agenda

- 1. Welcome – 5 Min**
- 2. City of Toronto Updates – 20 Min**
- 3. Discussion: New Toronto Initiative – 5 Min**
- 4. Discussion: Etobicoke Lakeshore Shelter Support Coalition – 5 Min**
- 5. Virtual Townhall – 50 Min**
- 6. Conclusion – 5 Min**

➤ Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the land we are on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit and the Williams Treaty signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.



➤ **African Ancestral Acknowledgement**

The City of Toronto acknowledges all Treaty people-including those who came here as settlers as migrants either in this generation or in generations past- and those of us who came here involuntarily, particularly those brought to these lands as a result of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and Slavery. We pay tribute to those ancestors of African origin and descent.



Meeting Code of Conduct

As both **participants** and **panelists**, we will:

- Be respectful in words and action to all in attendance,
- Be patient with the technology,
- Share the air: listen and when needed and ask for clarification,
- Actively participate and speak from your own perspective,
- Respect personal and organizational confidentiality,
- Racist or other forms of prejudicial, derogatory, or discriminatory comments and questions, including name-calling, will not be tolerated. The City of Toronto is an inclusive public organization.

➤ Meeting Recording

Please be advised that **this meeting is being recorded**. Your opinions, statements and voice will become part of a public record.

Please do not share any personal information about yourself, such as your name, address or contact information.

If you wish to discuss a private matter, please contact us at 66third@gmail.com.



Opening Remarks

Deputy Mayor Amber Morley
Ward 3, Etobicoke-Lakeshore

Opening Remarks

Gord Tanner
General Manager, TSSS

Community Dialogue

What has happened so far at 66 Third St?

The City has been working closely with the Councillor to **collect feedback:**

**66 Third St Project
Launched Dec 2024**

**Door-to-door canvass of immediate
residential area and businesses**

Met with Lakeshore Village BIA

**Hosted two (2) Woods Manor coffee
and conversation events**

**Dropped 2000+ invitation flyers
(knocked on 1,500+ doors)**

**Hosted three (3) parent focus
groups and parent info night**

**Hosted in-person drop-in session
attend by more than 300 residents**

**Hosted two (2) faith leader focus
groups**

**Received and responded to more
than 350 emails and calls**

**Met with New Toronto Lakeshore
Village Residents Association**

**More than 450+ people have signed
up to receive more info**

> Community Feedback

What we've heard – Key Themes



1 Shelter Location
Concern about New Toronto and Third St, site selection process, loss of parking

2 Communications & Engagement
Process concerns, need for transparent updates, and opportunities for input

3 Community Safety
Concerns about increased risks

4 Design & Construction
Feasibility, clarity on size, aesthetics, outdoor space, crime prevention

5 Need for Shelters
Need for shelters in the community, requests to expedite the process

6 Shelter Operations
Clarity on the shelter operator, demographic, programming, and safety and security

➤ Background Recap

Why are shelters opening?

- **Toronto's shelter system is full.** There is an urgent need to address the issue of homelessness
- **Toronto City Council approved the Homelessness Services Capital Infrastructure Strategy (HSCIS)**
- **Housing is the ultimate solution to homelessness, and shelters are necessary** to fill gaps with critical services
- **In December 2024, 66 Third St. was announced** as one of the first six HSCIS sites to be developed into a shelter



HOUSING CONTINUUM



➤ Shelter Updates – 66 Third St.

Keeping you informed at each stage of shelter development

The City is moving forward with the shelter development of 66 Third St. and other locations across Toronto

- **Will shelter seniors experiencing homelessness with approx. 50 spaces**
 - **Data driven and need for Seniors' shelter spaces**
 - **Directly next to Woods Manor Seniors' building**
 - **Consideration of community feedback**
- **Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre (CONC) will be the shelter operator**
 - **Undergone a competitive EOI process**





Shelter Design and Construction

What is the design? Sizing and scale factors? Outdoor space?



Draft Rendering: Thoughtfully Designed Exterior



Onsite Meal Preparation

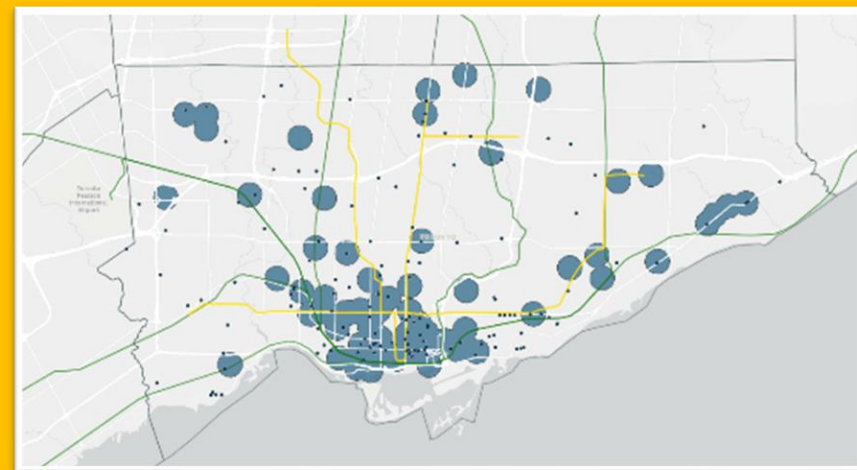


Multi-bed Occupancy Sleeping Area

➤ Shelter Siting Process

Why 66 Third St? Who decides and how?

- **TSSS, CREM, and CreateTO** undertook a real estate review to identify potential sites for new shelters
- **Toronto Parking Authority (TPA)** deemed 66 Third St. as surplus, for City-building opportunities aligned with Council priorities
- **66 Third St.** was chosen for shelter use by City staff based on meeting the key shelter site criteria
- Shelters are **successfully located** in residential areas, often close to libraries, schools, daycares, and community centres



Key Shelter Site Criteria

1. Site Availability, Fair Market Value
2. Permitted for Shelter Use
3. Site Size
4. Proximity from Existing Shelters
5. Access to Amenities
6. Proximity to Public Transit

➤ Shelter Operations

How does a shelter run? What supports are available?

All shelters have trained staff on-site 24/7, with shelter programming that will be tailored to the needs of senior clientele.

Referrals for income assistance as required (applications to Old Age Security and Canadian Pension Plan)

Case management through a housing first lens, including applications to seniors housing opportunities

Access to primary health care and mental health care, including Personal Support Workers and referrals to Long-Term Care

Key questions we have received:	Shelter service model for 66 Third St.	Historical service model
Are clients required to leave every morning?	No, clients are not required to leave or “kicked out” from the shelter	Previously, yes this did take place at select sites.
How long do clients typically stay at a shelter?	Clients stay in a shelter approximately six months	At many sites, clients often move from shelter to shelter
Are in-house services provided?	Yes, in-house services and programs are included and available on-site	Little or no supports were provided on-site
Is food provided at the shelter?	Three (3) meals are provided daily	One (1) meal per day, or no meals provided

➤ **Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre (CONC)**

Who is the shelter operator? What is their role in the community?

Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre (CONC), founded in 1993, provides essential services for vulnerable community members.

CONC is dedicated to building upon the strengths and vision of community members to improve the quality of life in the Christie Ossington community and surrounding neighbourhoods.

By working in collaboration with residents, community institutions, agencies, local businesses and stakeholders, we will create a safe and healthy community.



Community Discussion: New Toronto Initiative

Community Discussion: Etobicoke Lakeshore Shelter Support Coalition

Virtual Townhall Discussion



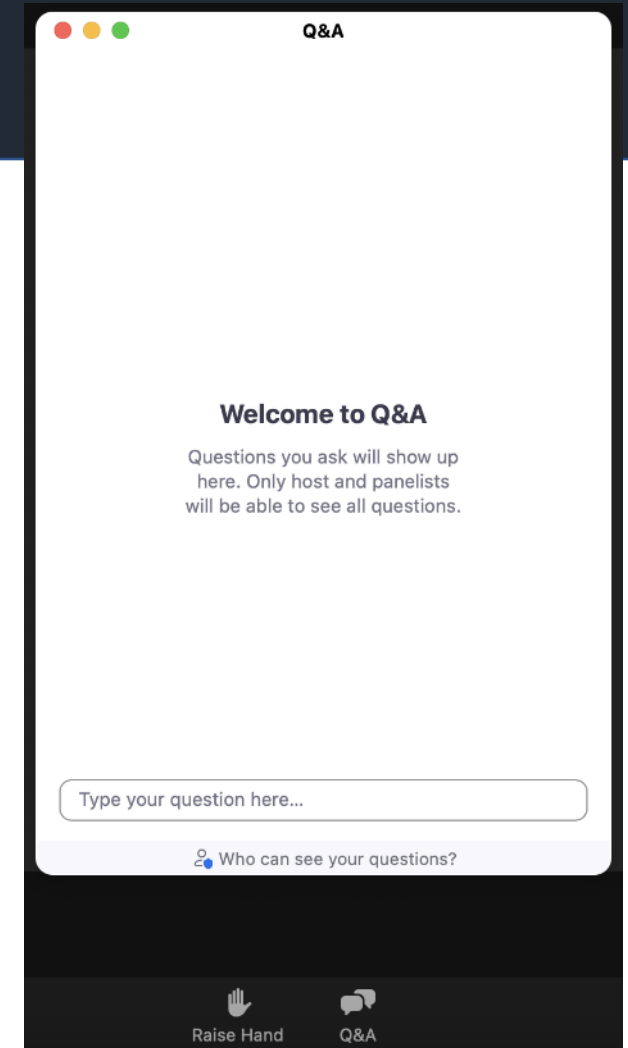
➤ Ways to Ask Questions

1. Type your question in the Q&A BOX in your Zoom control panel

- Questions will put into the queue to be answered as time permits

2. Click RAISE HAND to verbally ask your question

- The host will unmute your line and you will be prompted to ask your question to the panelists
- If you have joined the webinar by phone, DIAL *9 to raise and lower your hand



➤ Next Steps

Meeting summary to be posted on the site website at www.toronto.ca/66Third

Ongoing discussions, updated timelines and key milestones shared with community

Regular meetings with the community for 66 Third St.

In Q3 2025, opportunities for input on design and programming

In Q4 2025, opportunities for community walk



Closing Remarks

Deputy Mayor Amber Morley
Ward 3, Etobicoke-Lakeshore

➤ Wrap Up

- To engage further, contact us at:
66third@gmail.com
- Learn more and for program updates at the 66 Third St. webpage:
www.toronto.ca/66Third
- For general questions about City services to support those experiencing homelessness please email
Homeless.Support@toronto.ca



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