

New Shelter 2204-2212 Eglinton Avenue West Community Bulletin

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Keeping you updated

In December 2024, the City of Toronto announced that 2204-2212 Eglinton Ave. W. is one of the first six shelter sites being developed as part of the City's [10-year capital plan](#) to stabilize the shelter system.

Since then, the City retained a Community Engagement Facilitation team, Third Party Public, who has been engaging community members about the City's plans to develop this shelter, sharing information, building a contact list, collecting questions and comments, and supporting the City in responding and providing updates.

Through regular Community Bulletins and e-Updates, the City is sharing regular updates about the shelter, the engagement process, and addressing community questions and comments.

This Community Bulletin includes:

- Details about an upcoming Community Drop-In
- A summary of community questions and City answers shared since March 10

Join us for a Community Drop-In

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Fairbank Public School (Gymnasium)
2335 Dufferin St.
6 – 8 p.m.

The purpose of the Community Drop-In is to provide community members with opportunities to learn more, ask questions, and share feedback with the City. In attendance will be:

- Deputy Mayor Mike Colle
- City of Toronto staff
- The shelter operator

Please register to attend at toronto.ca/2204Eglinton

Registration is encouraged (but not required) to help us understand how many people are planning to attend.

Many ways to engage

The City of Toronto has retained Third Party Public to facilitate and support the community engagement process for 2204 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 City.



Visit the project website
www.toronto.ca/2204eglinton



Learn more about the project and process



Share questions and comments



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647-699-2772



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



Send an email
2204Eglinton@gmail.com

Answers to common questions about the planned shelter at 2204 Eglinton Ave. W.

Third Party Public has consolidated the questions below based on those most asked through email, voicemail, and conversations between March 10 and April 25. Frequently asked questions prior to March 10 are summarized in the [March e-Update](#). The City of Toronto provided answers to these questions. The questions have been numbered for ease of reference only and are not intended to reflect an order of priority.

Regular Community Bulletins and e-Updates will continue to share community questions and City responses, along with any other updates.

1. [Is this shelter supposed to be for people living in encampments at Eglinton Park? Eglinton-Fairbank currently has little to no visible homelessness or encampments – who is this shelter supposed to serve?](#)

No, this shelter is for any single adult experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, regardless personal circumstances. This may include someone living in an encampment, but not exclusively. Homelessness is experienced in all areas of the city. City of Toronto shelters are designed to provide temporary emergency accommodations and support services to all individuals residing in Toronto who need assistance. New clients are only referred to a shelter when a space becomes vacant, and they meet the program criteria. People access shelters through Central Intake, a City-operated, 24/7 phone-based service that refers people experiencing homelessness to emergency shelter and other overnight accommodation.

2. [When and how did the site's purpose change from public parking \(including for public transit users\) to a shelter? What changed to make the Toronto Parking authority consider the planned parking as "surplus"?](#)

The City takes a holistic lens to its real estate assets and, given the expansion of shelter options across the City being an urgent priority, the Toronto Parking Authority (TPA) reviewed its assets to determine which ones were not as critical to its operational needs. CreateTO, an agency that manages the City's real estate holdings, conducted a thorough evaluation of over a hundred such properties to determine their best potential use. Through this exercise, it was determined that the best potential use of this City property at 2204 Eglinton Ave. W. would be as a municipal shelter.

3. [When is the City planning to demolish 601 Caledonia Road? The property is vacant and derelict, posing a safety risk to the community. What will be on the footprint of that property when the shelter is built?](#)

The City is actively engaged with a Project Management Office on design work for the demolition of 601 Caledonia Rd. as part of the new shelter site. As this project progresses, and more information becomes available regarding the design plans, such as building size, and the schedule of work, the City will continue to actively provide those updates as they become available through the webpage and other ways.

4. [When will the City schedule an in-person community consultation? What are the plans for further community engagement?](#)

The City has scheduled the first community drop in event for Tuesday, May 13, 6 – 8p.m., at Fairbank Public School (2335 Dufferin St).

The City has committed to launching a Community Liaison Committee prior to the shelter opening, which will involve local residents in ongoing planning and operational problem-solving. There will continue to be future opportunities to provide input such as stakeholder meetings involving the City and service operator, keeping local residents informed of every step along the way.