

COMMUNITY WALK – 629 ADELAIDE ST. W SHELTER

STATUS UPDATE – JUNE 2025

Sections with green fill indicate complete or will be complete by opening, yellow indicates pending, requiring input from external teams
CST operations have been underway since March 31, 2025. Routes and hours of operation will remain subject to ongoing review and evaluation

LOCATION	CONCERN	RECOMMENDATIONS	STATUS	RESPONSIBILITY
SHELTER FACILITY				
629 Adelaide St W	<ul style="list-style-type: none">There is a need for increased lighting around the shelter site to make the area more welcoming.The laneway beside 645 Adelaide and behind the building is a concern.The laneway across the street, at 628 and 636 Adelaide, also raises concerns.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">St. Felix Centre Centre and TSSS should assess the feasibility of increasing lighting on the property exterior and enhancing the building and site aesthetics to add warmth and beauty through thoughtful design.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">St. Felix Centre and TSS assessed the lighting as per recommendationsMajority of the existing lights meet the requirementsOne light is being replaced to enhance building aesthetics	St. Felix Centre
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Potential loitering at the front of the building.Concerns regarding the shelter’s windows facing the windows of homes across the street.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">St. Felix Centre and TSSS should assess the feasibility of creating an enclosed outdoor space on the north side, considering weatherproofing, functionality, and enhanced aesthetics.St. Felix Centre and TSSS should explore privacy measures for the windows.St. Felix Centre to determine options for providing private programming spaces for shelter residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">An outdoor space has been created on the north sidePrivacy elements will be added to windowsCSTs will be deployed 24/7 to prevent loitering	St. Felix Centre
629 Adelaide St W (Back laneway / Southwest corner)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The laneway backs onto the underground Toronto Hydro vault and easement for the neighbouring condominium residents.Cameras are not visible, and the area is poorly lit with inadequate lighting.There is already evidence of drug use and camping, raising concerns about garbage accumulation, particularly from the shelter kitchen.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">St. Felix Centre and TSSS should explore the installation of a parabolic mirror at the corner to enhance visibility, along with improved lighting that increases visibility without disturbing neighbouring homes.St. Felix Centre and TSSS should explore the installation of a robust video surveillance system to ensure continuous monitoring of sight lines and the perimeter of the facility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">St. Felix Centre and TSSS assessed the recommendations during design.Cameras were determined to be the ideal method to ensure continuous monitoring of sight lines and the perimeter of the facilitySt. Felix Centre and CSTs will monitor the back laneway	St. Felix Centre

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629 Adelaide St W (Back laneway / Southwest corner)	Potential hotspot for loitering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The neighbouring fencing is too short, likely leading to individuals breaching the fence and entering the backyards of adjacent residences. The concrete pad, being an attractive flat space, already experiences occasional issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TSSS should coordinate with Solid Waste Management to clean up the weeds and collect garbage on the property closer to the shelter opening. TSSS should engage with Municipal Licensing and Standards to conduct property standards review of the site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TSSS is working with Solid Waste Management to collect garbage CSTs will be deployed 24/7 to respond to possible loitering in the laneways CST routes have been established based on feedback from the Community Walk Cameras have been installed and the vendor has confirmed that they are angled in an appropriate manner to protect the neighbours privacy 	TSSS (Operations)
			Pending <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City will assess the property standards of the site before opening 	MLS
629 Adelaide St W (Facing Portugal Sq)	Traffic and Safety: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are significant traffic and safety concerns arising from frequent speeding, accidental wrong-way traffic, and instances of three-point turns on the road or in nearby alleys. The curving street/intersection in front of the shelter lacks adequate stop signs or sightlines, compounding safety risks. The presence of children walking through these streets to and from school further heightens safety concerns. Community members feel that the addition of a shelter at this location will increase pedestrian traffic and potential health and safety risks, compounding existing dangers to the immediate community members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Councillor's office should continue discussions with Transportation Services to implement traffic calming features such as STOP signs, speed bumps, or crossing guards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic calming measures, including speed humps on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wellington Street between Strachan and Tecumseth - APPROVED by TEYCC, Agenda Item History - 2023.TE7.89 Installation July 2025 Richmond Street between Niagara and Tecumseth – APPROVED by TEYCC, Agenda Item History - 2023.TE9.77 Installed in 2024 Niagara Street between King and Adelaide - APPROVED by TEYCC, Agenda Item History - 2025.TE19.46 Installation July 2025 	Deputy Mayor Malik's Office Transportation Services

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Speed limit reductions on Adelaide Street West from Shaw to Bathurst – APPROVED by TEYCC, Agenda Item History - 2024.TE17.44 Signs installed○ Ongoing feasibility assessment of additional crossing guard capacity at Niagara Public School<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Awaiting updates	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● TSSS should liaise with TPS Neighbourhood officers to look for opportunities to monitor and deter speeding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Toronto Police Service (TPS) is a member of the CLC● TSSS meets with TPS monthly to discuss shelter operations and community safety● TPS has confirmed Neighbourhood Community Officer's (NCOs) will monitor the area once the site opens● St. Felix Centre has a strong and existing relationship with TPS● TPS has walked with St. Felix Centre around the site	TSSS

KEY ORGANIZATIONS AND SITES

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St. Mary's Catholic School 20 Portugal Square	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is concern regarding the entrance/exit by the parking lot and the potential for increased congregation of people, particularly due to the proximity of a small parking space belonging to private property adjacent to the school entrance. Additionally, the Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club operates from the school and utilizes this entrance. While the gated area is closed in the evenings, it is opened on Sundays to serve as parking space for the church. A comprehensive walk-through of the school property was conducted in November 2023. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Felix Centre and TSSS should direct CST to prioritize St. Mary's Catholic Elementary School. St. Felix Centre and TSSS should collaborate with the Parkdale Community Health Centre CST team to increase their presence and prioritize safety measures in the area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Felix Centre has an open line of communication with St. Mary's School CST routes have been established based on feedback from the Community Walk and are coordinated with PQWCHC St. Felix met with the Principal and have scheduled a monthly check-in 	St. Felix Centre
Niagara Street Junior Public School 222 Niagara St (Front of school)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The intersection becomes highly crowded from 3:20 to 3:45 PM as children head towards Stanley Park, congregate at the UFO and the convenience store across the street, or go east to the Kiwanis after-school club at St. Mary's. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Felix Centre and TSSS should direct CST to prioritize schools along the catchment route, as feasible, and as staffing allows. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Felix Centre has an open line of communication with Niagara School. Niagara School is a member of the CLC. CST routes have been established based on feedback from the Community Walk and are coordinated with PQWCHC 	St. Felix Centre
	<p>Fenced Area Beside Front Entrance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fence is quite low, raising the potential to hop onto school premises. Sharp objects are occasionally found just outside the school boundaries and fenced areas. This has not been a significant issue so far. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As the shelter is not yet operational, connections should be considered between Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre, their Safety teams and the school for picking up drug paraphernalia. CSTs from 629 Adelaide should collaborate with the Queen West Parkdale team when determining catchment routes. Consumption Treatment Services (CTS) from Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre be available for assistance, with contact information shared with both schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CST routes have been established based on feedback from the Community Walk St. Felix met with the school administration and there was an indication that they will be sending a representative to attend the next CLC meeting 	St. Felix Centre

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Niagara Street Junior Public School (Parking Lot on Walnut Ave/Adelaide St / 170 Adelaide St)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insufficient lighting in the area, which raises safety concerns and reduces visibility. The gate remains open and does not close properly, compromising security. The gate is scheduled to be securely closed from 11 PM to 6 AM. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TSSS should contact the school to discuss implementing measures for closing and locking the gates, as well as enhancing lighting in the area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Felix Centre connected with Niagara Street Junior Public School and the school confirmed that there were no issues with the items mentioned 	St. Felix Centre
St. Mary's Church 588 Adelaide St W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The church has already experienced several break-ins and frequently receives individuals experiencing homelessness who seek support. While the church assists individuals as needed, including providing food dropped off by residents in the area, there is concern that it will not be able to respond to any increased demand once the shelter opens. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TSSS and St. Felix Centre should maintain communication with the church, and collaborate where appropriate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Felix Centre is in constant communication with St. Mary's Church and is open to collaborating where appropriate 	St. Felix Centre
Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre (CHC) 168 Bathurst St	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fenced area is unused and lacks privacy. There are no benches in the outdoor seating area for residents, causing participants to congregate on the sidewalk and creating a safety hazard. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre (PQWCHC) to evaluate the feasibility of installing benches in the outdoor area and enhance the fencing to provide privacy. CSTs from 629 Adelaide should collaborate with the Queen West Parkdale team when determining catchment routes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Supervised Consumption Site at PQWCHC closed on March 31, 2025 The Community Health Centre at PQWCHC will remain open and offer services to the public PQWCHC is a member of the CLC There will be ongoing discussions with St. Felix Centre to ensure coordination of supports for clients and engagement with the community 	St. Felix Centre TSSS (Operations)
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Toronto Community Housing (TCHC) Building 575 Adelaide St W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access concerns have arisen due to instances of loitering and trespassing. The underground garage door has either been left open or is not functioning properly. The northwest corner of the building, adjacent to the parking exit stairwell, and the southwest corner of the parking area lack lighting and are secluded, with no video surveillance coverage. There are concerns that these areas may attract individuals seeking shelter due to their sheltered nature. The back area of the Clock Tower Lofts requires further assessment by the condo to determine necessary additional security measures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TCHC should reach out to the building management to address access issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TCHC is a member of the CLC TCHC shared there are currently no concerns with St. Felix Centre TSSS will work with TCHC to address property issues, as required CST routes have been established based on feedback from the Community Walk TCHC has expressed interest in collaborating with St. Felix on a joint community outreach event this summer 	TSSS (Operations)
PRIVATE PROPERTY, SIDEWALKS, LANEWAYS				
Tecumseh North of Adelaide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple laneways 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Felix Centre and TSSS should evaluate these locations and consider a walk-by external to private alleyways, if these areas are part of the CST's catchment area. Most of these laneways fall on private property and are the responsibility of the Property owners/ property managers. Property owners are advised to maintain their property and make any required repairs. Property owners are advised to maintain standard lighting and security. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CST routes have been established based on feedback from the Community Walk and are coordinated with PQWCHC 	St. Felix Centre
North Adelaide Laneway (Across shelter site)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This laneway serves as a residential thoroughfare for condominium townhouse residents to access their properties and park their vehicles. Additionally, many children reside in this area. 			
Laneway between 93 and 95 Mitchell St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This location could potentially be susceptible to congregation and trespassing. 			
Parking Lot on Mitchell Street for Niagara Street Junior Public School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This area is designated for staff parking and is enclosed by a fence. It features a lengthy driveway. This location could potentially be susceptible to congregation and trespassing. 			

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Tedesco Waterproofing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the day, the site gates are open, while in the evening, they are closed. The site includes a spacious parking lot. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Felix Centre and TSSS should evaluate these locations and consider a walk-by external to private alleyways, if these areas are part of the CST's catchment area. Most of these laneways fall on private property and are the responsibility of the Property owners/ property managers. Property owners are advised to maintain their property and make any required repairs. Property owners are advised to maintain standard lighting and security. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CST routes have been established based on feedback from the Community Walk and are coordinated with PQWCHC 	St. Felix Centre
Laneway east of 8 Mitchell St beside 9 Mitchell St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The laneway provides a space where people can readily gather and has access to residential units on private property. 			
142 Tecumseth Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The laneway provides a space where people can readily gather and has access to residential units on private property. 			
135 Tecumseth St and nearby laneways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tenants of the commercial business at 135 Tecumseth St. access their units via the Nanak Laneway off Tecumseth St. and the Greshan Iskowitz Laneway off Richmond St. The location is notably secluded, lacking natural surveillance from the street. Its secluded nature may encourage individuals to gather and linger unnoticed after hours. 			
Nanak laneway and private laneway directly across the street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This retail court, situated away from the main street. The laneway provides a space where people can readily gather and has access to residential units on private property. 			
Gershon Itkowitz Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The laneway provides a space where people can readily gather and has access to residential units on private property. 			
625 Richmond St	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site features a large lot, and the buildings appear to be slated for future development. 			

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140 Bathurst St (Courtyard and parking lot entrance beside TH-08 on Portugal Street)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a spacious area conducive to congregation, with the parking lot entrance located directly beside a row of residential townhomes and backing onto the playground of St. Mary's School. Presently, the area is easily accessible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Felix Centre and TSSS should evaluate these locations and consider a walk-by external to private alleyways, if these areas are part of the CST's catchment area. Most of these laneways fall on private property and are the responsibility of the Property owners/ property managers. Property owners are advised to maintain their property and make any required repairs. Property owners are advised to maintain standard lighting and security. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CST routes have been established based on feedback from the Community Walk and are coordinated with PQWCHC 	St. Felix Centre
Sidewalk beside 618 Adelaide St W (Townhome)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shaded area at this location has the potential where people can readily gather. 			
Kings Townes 208 Niagara Street / 800 King Street W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal issues are expected. Potential lighting concerns may arise during nighttime. Cameras are not readily visible. 			
Tecumseth Laneway 677 Adelaide St W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very well maintained. Potential lighting concerns may arise during nighttime. Cameras are not readily visible. 			
Michener Ct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The wooden fence is broken towards the end of the read. Easy for individuals to jump over or hop. 			
720 King St W (Rear Parking)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The shared fences along the west side, which are adjacent to the Condominium townhouses, are in poor condition and require repair. Sections of the fence are missing, and it is regularly breached. There is limited lighting in the parking lot, resulting in dark areas, particularly in the corners. 			
Joseph Salsberg Ln –Condominium Townhomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The driveways of the first two units on the north side provide covered and concealed areas, potentially attracting individuals to gather and linger, especially during inclement weather. 			

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Alleyway near 617 Adelaide St	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lighting is sparse in this residential area, with minimal video surveillance except for one or two units. The area is attractive but hidden from view, with elements such as covered carports and limited lighting. The condo has already started costing for security. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Felix Centre and TSSS should evaluate these locations and consider a walk-by external to private alleyways, if these areas are part of the CST's catchment area. Most of these laneways fall on private property and are the responsibility of the Property owners/ property managers. Property owners are advised to maintain their property and make any required repairs. Property owners are advised to maintain standard lighting and security. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CST routes have been established based on feedback from the Community Walk and are coordinated with PQWCHC 	St. Felix Centre
710 King St and 575 Adelaide St W back laneway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a hidden concrete stairwell leading to the lower parking level, with the door secured but secluded. There are ongoing issues with loitering, disorder, and drug use in the area. 710 King St has 24/7 security. The superintendent at 575 Adelaide clears the area when loitering is observed. 			
<p>Laneway at 178 Bathurst</p> <p>Near Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre (CHC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This area currently experiences significant drug activity, including improper disposal of syringes and involvement in the illicit drug trade. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre should consider incorporating it into their CST's catchment area. CSTs from 629 Adelaide should collaborate with the Queen West Parkdale team when determining catchment routes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Supervised Consumption Site at PQWCHC closed on March 31, 2025, The Community Health Centre at PQWCHC will remain open and offer services to the public PQWCHC is a member of the CLC and there will be ongoing discussions with St. Felix Centre to ensure coordination of supports for clients and engagement with the community CST routes have been established based on feedback from the Community Walk and are coordinated with PQWCHC 	St. Felix Centre
MISCELLANEOUS				

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Single family homes throughout neighbourhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several properties have open front yards or are only blocked by small wooden fences, with some featuring attractive corners and minimal lighting (e.g., 617 Adelaide). Vehicles parked on driveways in front of garages may be susceptible to door checks and opportunistic theft. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TSSS and Councillor's office should investigate general improvements to public lighting. Residents should be encouraged to enhance lighting on private property and park their cars in garages whenever possible. 	Pending <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of multiple laneway lighting conditions and the necessary upgrades around 629 Adelaide St West completed. Design and construction cost estimates have been provided to the City. TSSS working with Transportation Services and Toronto Hydro to implement. 	Transportation Services Toronto Hydro
Adelaide St W and Portugal Sq	Street Garden: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a small green space located on Portugal Square northwest of the intersection, with houses situated across the street, making it a popular route for children walking to and from school. The site could become a cause for concern, as shelter guests may congregate there or be vulnerable to encampments or damages. There is potential for community partnership for ongoing work and beautification. St. Felix Centre noted that the garden could serve as a valuable opportunity to engage shelter guests in the community, such as through maintaining the garden. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Councillor's office and St. Felix Centre should follow up to identify the entity responsible for operating and maintaining the street garden. TSSS should explore avenues for community engagement and develop strategies for ongoing maintenance of the street garden. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Felix Centre has proactively reached out to the community members responsible for the street garden to offer support in its ongoing maintenance St. Felix Centre is awaiting a response from the community members and stands ready to collaborate in ensuring the continued success of the garden 	St. Felix Centre
Several locations throughout the Community Walk	Drug Use, Sharps, and Drug Paraphernalia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Stakeholder Groups and Community Walk participants have voiced concern regarding the proliferation of sharps and drug paraphernalia to be found in several locations throughout the area; particularly in the areas surrounding the two schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Felix Centre and TSSS to coordinate efforts to address the regular collection of sharps and drug paraphernalia within the designated area of the shelter. Special attention and priority should be given to the vicinity of schools, the shelter site, and immediate neighbouring properties around the shelter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Felix Centre will ensure its services are in alignment with the Toronto Shelter Standards St. Felix Centre will encourage shelter guests to be good neighbours and are aware of policies that align with Toronto Shelter Standards CST routes have been established based on feedback from the 	St. Felix Centre

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Felix Centre to encourage shelter guests to be good neighbours within their community. 	Community Walk and are coordinated with PQWCHC	
Several locations throughout the Community Walk	<p>Street Lighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several areas along the route have been identified as needing improved street lighting, both in public spaces, laneways, and on private property. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private property owners are encouraged to conduct additional environmental scans, especially during the evening hours, to assess lighting needs comprehensively. TSSS to explore with the appropriate divisions increasing lighting in public spaces and laneways 	<p>Pending</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of multiple laneway lighting conditions and the necessary upgrades around 629 Adelaide St West completed. Design and construction cost estimates have been provided to the City. TSSS working with Transportation Services and Toronto Hydro to implement. 	Transportation Services/ Toronto Hydro
Along Adelaide and surrounding streets; the general neighbourhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is significant pedestrian traffic on weekends towards the Church, particularly on Saturdays and Sundays. The Church is a focal point for the Portuguese community and attracts many seniors attending weddings, funerals, services, and festivals. The route they take often passes by the proposed patio area of the site. There is a scarcity of public garbage receptacles in the area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Felix Centre and TSSS should evaluate these locations and consider incorporating them into the CST's catchment area. TSSS should liaise with TPS regarding police presence during peak hours to monitor and deter speeding. Property owners should order additional garbage receptacles as required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CST routes have been established based on feedback from the Community Walk and are coordinated with PQWCHC 	St. Felix Centre