

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## New Shelter at 1220-1222 Wilson Ave.

**November 2025**

This bulletin provides updates to community members interested in learning about the planned new shelter at 1220-1222 Wilson Ave. You are receiving this bulletin because you previously indicated an interest in receiving project updates. If you have any questions about the shelter or no longer wish to receive these updates, please visit [toronto.ca/1220Wilson](https://toronto.ca/1220Wilson) or email us at [1220WilsonAve@gmail.com](mailto:1220WilsonAve@gmail.com).

### Engagement Updates

The City of Toronto continues to engage closely with local residents, businesses, and stakeholders as planning for 1220-1222 Wilson Ave. moves forward.

The following engagement activities have taken place since May 2025:

**May 28:** Virtual public meeting for Zoning By-Law Amendment for new shelter sites

**June 23:** In-person Community Information Drop-In & Operator Meet & Greet

**July 15:** Statutory public meeting for Zoning By-Law Amendment for new shelter sites at the City's Planning and Housing Committee.

**October 22:** Design Roundtable with local stakeholders and immediate neighbours.

### Working Together with the Community: Design Roundtable

On October 22, 2025, the City hosted a design roundtable with immediate neighbours and community representatives. Participants reviewed updated site drawings and shared feedback on design features such as fencing, lighting, outdoor amenities, and traffic management. The discussion also focused on how the shelter can be successfully integrated into the community through thoughtful design and consideration of public and private spaces. Feedback from this session is being reviewed by the project and design teams to determine what can be incorporated as plans progress. Visit the project website for updates.

### Zoning By-Law Amendment

Toronto City Council has approved an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-Law for the shelter at 1220-1222 Wilson Ave. This approval is part of the City's plan to open up to 20 new shelters citywide by 2033, allowing the City to move out of more costly temporary shelter hotels and stabilize the shelter system. While a shelter was already allowed at this site, the changes approved by City Council confirm the site-specific parameters necessary for finalizing the design of the building. This is in-line with material presented at a public information session held at the Roding Community Centre on June 23, 2025 and the City's Planning and Housing Committee on July 15, 2025.

This shelter will be operated directly by the City, providing critical services to approximately 80 adults of all genders. The shelter will be purpose-built and thoughtfully designed to be more responsive to the needs of people staying there and welcoming, inclusive, accessible and pet-friendly, in alignment with the Shelter Design and Technical Guidelines.

### **Services to be Offered at 1220-1222 Wilson Ave**

The shelter at 1220-1222 Wilson Ave. will provide comprehensive services and supports to help individuals staying at the site improve their well-being and find and keep stable housing as quickly as possible. This will include Case Managers who will work with individuals to better understand their needs and build a service plan on how to achieve their goals.

Part of this work will be helping clients to access on-site physical and mental health care supports. This will include services for individuals who need to isolate or are recovering from illness and require specialized medical supports. This initiative is part of our broader commitment to ensuring that all residents, especially the most vulnerable, have access to the care, dignity and stability they deserve.

The City works with health partners such as Inner City Health Associates, who provide primary care and other health services at shelters and to individuals living outside. To ensure the success of the shelter at 1220-1222 Wilson Ave., staff will identify new and existing health care partners to support the delivery of on-site programming.

Services will be offered in alignment with Toronto Shelter Standards and have a holistic approach to care, ensuring that clients receive the health (physical, mental, social and emotional) supports they need to position them for success on their housing journey.

### **Stay In Touch**

The City will continue to engage the community as design progresses. Should you have feedback for the City on the design of the building or wish to receive ongoing updates on the shelter, please contact our team at [1220WilsonAve@gmail.com](mailto:1220WilsonAve@gmail.com).

Residents are also invited to watch [this video](#) to learn more about the City's plan to develop new shelters and how shelters help to make a difference in people's lives.