

COMMUNITY UPDATE

66 Third Street | May 2026



Shelter Operations

The shelter program will be operated by [Christie Ossington Neighborhood Centre \(CONC\)](#), a non-profit agency that has been providing essential supports to vulnerable community members since 1993.

Services will include:

- Meals and laundry
- Counsellors/case managers who work with clients to develop permanent housing plans
- Access to physical and mental health care supports
- Recreation and social programming
- Assessments and referrals to other community services as needed
- Pet supports, to ensure that pets and owners can stay together

Referrals to the program will be made through the City's telephone-based [Central Intake](#) service.

The site will be staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and will provide critical shelter and wrap-around support services for approximately 50 seniors, helping them to gain stability and reduce social isolation.

Engagement Updates

The City is committed to working with the community to support the site's success.

The City has hired Community Engagement Facilitator LURA Consulting to lead the next phase of the community engagement process.

Past Events/Activities Updates:

- February 17, 2026: Community Design Input Meeting hosted at Long Branch Toronto Public Library (TPL)
- February 24, 2026: LURA door-to-door outreach at Woods Manor Senior Housing
- March 11, 2026: Woods Manor Senior Housing Information Session

Upcoming Events/Activities:

- Week of May 11:
Door-to-door outreach to local residents, schools and businesses

For event summaries and more information about activities, please visit toronto.ca/66Third.

Construction Updates

Timelines for construction have not been established and will be communicated to the community when a timeline is set.

Proposed Work Hours

Construction noise will generally take place during the following hours:

- **Monday to Friday:** 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Saturdays:** 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

While the City is exempt from the [Noise By-law](#), we are committed to undertaking our work to minimize any community impacts in accordance with the by-laws, except where required in extreme circumstances.

What You Might See on Site

The former parking lot was permanently closed on March 31, 2026. Nearby municipal parking lots can be found on [parking.greenp.com](https://www.toronto.ca/parking-greenp.com)

Residents may observe standard construction activity, including:

- **Hoarding (Plywood Barriers):** Installed to secure the site perimeter and ensure safety. Stakeholders have provided feedback on making the hoarding more aesthetically appealing, and that this is currently under discussion and review
- **Early Siteworks:** Following the installation of plywood barriers, early preparation for full construction will commence.
- **Workers & Vehicles:** Ongoing presence of workers and construction vehicles, equipment operation and material deliveries.

How Construction Impacts Will Be Managed

Mitigation measures are in place to reduce disruptions, including:

- On-site supervision
- Adherence to municipal by-laws and provincial regulations
- Use of appropriate shielding and equipment to minimize off-site impacts.

2025 Point in Time Count - Trends in Homelessness

The City of Toronto's Point in Time counts people living outdoors, in encampments, shelters, respite sites, and some institutional settings. The 2025 Point-in-Time count shows progress when compared to the 2024 Street Needs Assessment, while reinforcing the need for sustained action.

While overall outdoor homelessness declined in 2025, the geographic distribution shifted. The proportion of people staying outdoors doubled in Etobicoke–York (14%) compared to 2024. This continues to show a growing need for equitable access to outreach, shelter and housing support in Etobicoke.

Learn more about SNA at [Street Needs Assessment – City of Toronto](#).

Stay Connected

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