

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE



### KINGSTON MOVES FORWARD ON RAPID HOUSING PROJECTS

The City of Kingston is working with the federal and provincial governments and local housing providers to increase the supply of transitional, supportive and affordable housing.

The Rapid Housing Initiatives approved by the City and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation are an important part of the City's strategy. This strategy builds on the Mayor's Task Force on Housing and the City's 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan.

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# JOIN US FOR AN ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION!

Join us for an online information session to discuss affordable housing projects at:

- 113 Lower Union Street (Sydenham Ward)
- 3 Cassidy Street (Kings Town Ward)
- Curtis Crescent (Portsmouth Ward)
- 805 Ridley Drive (Trillium Ward)

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26TH**

4-30 - 5:30 p.m.

General presentation and discussion

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Detailed discussion of Lower Union site.

This online session is open to members of the public and will feature a panel composed of City of Kingston and agency officials.

To Register: <a href="https://t.ly/WuwH">https://t.ly/WuwH</a>



#### FOUR PROJECTS APPROVED FOR RAPID HOUSING INITIATIVE

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has approved four City of Kingston projects under the new Cities Stream funding envelope, committing \$7.4-million to produce 47 units of deeply affordable housing for people in severe housing need or at high risk of homelessness. The projects must be affordable for a minimum of 20 years, charging rents that are the lesser of Ontario Works or ODSP shelter allowance or less than 30% of an individual's gross income.

#### 113 Lower Union / Indigenous Housing Services Centre (Tipi Moza):

When fully completed this Indigenous Housing Services Centre will provide deeply affordable transitional housing for 19 adult men and women, plus offices and a housing resources centre. On-site services will include culturally appropriate housing, case management and assistance with daily living and other services managed by Tipi Moza and partner agencies. Renovations on this building started in 2021 with asbestos abatement and upgrades to the heating and ventilations system and upgrades to the shared kitchen. In early 2022 all of the individual rooms will be refurbished, with occupancy expected to start in late January. Full occupancy is expected by August 2022.

Find Out More: TipiMoza.com

#### 3 Cassidy Street (Ongwanada):

This is the former site of the St. Lawrence Youth facility, which was closed in 2021. When fully completed this centre will house young adults with a developmental disability within individual rooms with some shared bathrooms, shared kitchen, laundry, and shower facilities. This is transitional housing where client-tenants selected by Ongwanada will reside for a minimum of three months; the stay will normally be limited to one year. On-site services are being provided by Ongwanada. Project completion is expected by Fall 2022.

Find Out More: Ongwanada.com

#### **Curtis Crescent Street (Kingston Frontenac Housing Corporation):**

This project is an addition to the KFHC neighbourhood on Curtis Cres just north of St. Lawrence College. Nine new one-bedroom apartments are being built and these units will be managed as part of the KFHC portfolio. This is deeply affordable permanent housing and tenants will be selected by KFHC. KFHC has identified that these units will be prioritized for young adults.

Find Out More: KFHC.ca

#### 805 Ridley / East Wing (Agency to be determined):

This project will see the east wing of the City's property at 805 Ridley renovated to create 12 private apartments for women or women with young children. Four one-bedroom apartments and 8 studio apartments are being built with some offices, shared laundry, and a common room. Each apartment is fitted with a private 3-piece bathroom and kitchenette, so these units are self-contained. This is deeply affordable transitional housing where client-tenants will reside for a minimum of three months; the stay will normally be limited to one year. Please note that this is for the east wing of 805 Ridley Drive. The operator of the east wing has not been determined but the City is meeting with several organizations in Kingston that serve women and we anticipate recommending an operator by March 2022.