



Don Summerville *Digest*

Connecting the community | August 2020

Virtual Community Update Meeting

On Thursday, July 23, 2020 from 6 to 8 p.m., Don Summerville tenants attended the first virtual Community Update Meeting. Toronto Community Housing and Context Development Inc. provided updates on the development, tenant engagement, and the relocation process. Tenants requiring interpretation were provided physical copies of the presentation so that they could follow along with their interpreter over the phone. Over 40 tenants were able to tune into the meeting on their computers, the Zoom app on their smartphones, or by calling in on their phones.

There were several question and answer periods throughout the meeting where tenants asked questions such as, “are the units that tenants have selected in earlier rounds still theirs?”, “will the Don Summerville scholarship be available for future years?” Answers to these questions, and many more, are provided in a Question and Answer document included with this mail out.

When Revitalization staff followed-up with tenants after the meeting, the majority of attendees were satisfied with the quality and depth of the information shared and had no further questions.

Toronto Community Housing

DON SUMMERVILLE
VIRTUAL COMMUNITY UPDATE MEETING



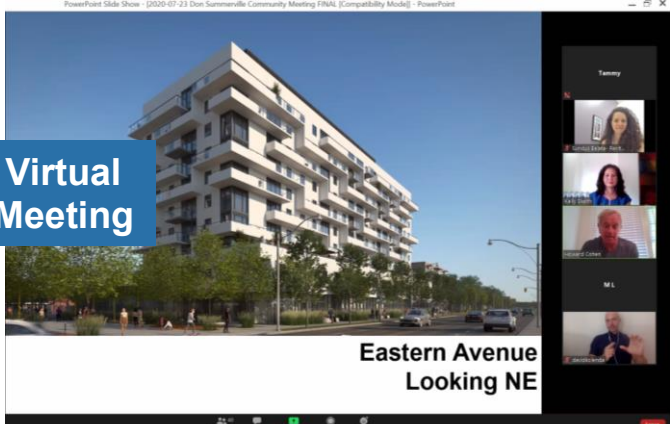
Join us over the phone, or on the computer to receive updates on development, relocation, and community benefits.

NEW DATE

Thursday, July 23, 2020 | 6 to 8 p.m.
Web link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87979460124>
To call in: (647) 558-0588 | Meeting ID: 879 7946 0124

To RSVP for this session and to request interpretation, please contact Raven Williams at (647) 269-1459 or Raven.Williams@torontohousing.ca





Virtual Meeting

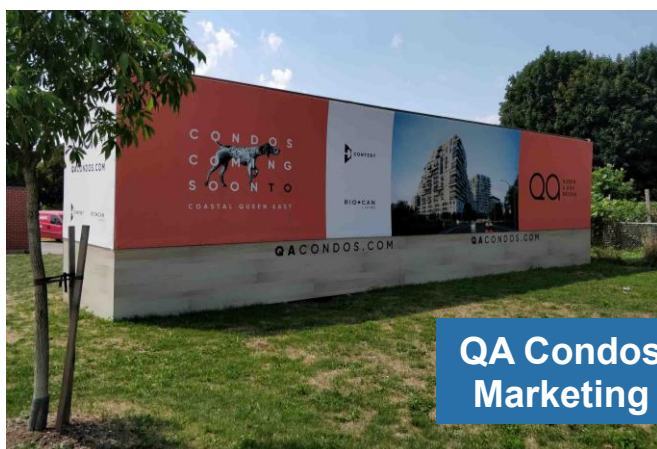
**Eastern Avenue
Looking NE**

Development Update

On July 29, 2020, Toronto City Council approved the Official Plan Amendment and Rezoning for 1555-1575 Queen Street East, which paves the way for the Don Summerville revitalization to proceed. The revitalization will include the replacement of the 120 rent-geared-to-income (RGI) units currently on site, and add 100 new affordable rental apartments, 183 new market rental units, 363 condominium units, plus new retail space along Queen Street East.

As part of the plan, Context Development has committed to providing Don Summerville tenants with \$100,000 scholarship fund, a \$250,000 economic and social development fund, plus job opportunities with a minimum of \$500,000 in value.

In September 2020, Context Development Inc. will begin selling condominium units in the market building. Three trailers have been placed on the Don Summerville property to advertise the sale of the condominium units. A sales office will also be opening this fall at 1912 Queen Street East.



Relocation Update

As of mid-August, Relocation had completed its fifth round of the tenant/unit matching process with 83% of the community matched thus far! Relocation staff will be working closely with the remaining unmatched households to find a suitable relocation unit.

Households will begin relocating out of the community as early as the week of **August 24, 2020**. The sixth round of the tenant/unit matching process is set to begin once enough vacant relocation units are secured. Relocation staff will continue to match households with relocation units until **December 31, 2020**.

To notify relocation staff of your decision to move, please contact the relocation office at 416-981-5277 and leave a detailed message. You can also send an e-mail to: DSRelocation@torontohousing.ca



A Picture Tells A Thousand Words – Summerville Stories Photography Workshop

On the morning of Saturday, July 25, 2020, Don Summerville tenants interested in photography and improving their photo-taking skills were invited to the first of a three-part photography workshop series. Nine eager tenants from a range of age groups joined professional photographer and Project Instructor, Diana Nazareth of Diana Nazareth Photography, Adam Barrett and Shana Hillman from East End Arts, Canada Summer Jobs worker and community resident, Hamdi Abdo, and TCHC Revitalization staff Raven Williams, Rukiya Abdulle, and Sundus Balata in the courtyard between 1555 and 1575 Queen Street East.

This photography workshop is one of two engagement initiatives (photographs of the site and the tenants and tenant stories) derived from the Don Summerville Heritage Celebration Project. The Heritage Project is the first component of the Don Summerville Community Action Plan (CAP), which is a roadmap that aims to bridge the physical revitalization with the social transformation to promote neighborhood connectivity, social inclusion and economic empowerment. The first pillar in the CAP is the celebration of heritage, which includes preservation of community memory. A variety of mediums are used to capture the current TCHC buildings, the indoor and outdoor amenity spaces, and the Don Summerville tenants who lived in the community for years and decades.



If you would like to learn more about the Don Summerville Community Action Plan and how you can get involved, please reach out to Raven Williams at: 647-269-1459 or Raven.Williams@torontohousing.ca



Photography Workshop

A Picture Tells A Thousand Words – Summerville Stories Photography Workshop Continued

The workshop was well received by the attendees. A Don Summerville tenant living in 1575 Queen Street East exclaimed, “This was more fun than I expected! I’m glad I came out!”

Don Summerville tenants are encouraged to email any photos (with a photo file size of at least 3MP) they have taken to:

dsphotobank@gmail.com. Please make sure you include your name in the email. You can also text, or Whatsapp your photos to **647-269-1459**.

Missed this workshop session? Stay tuned for the details on the upcoming workshop sessions in fall 2020!



Photography Workshop



CED and Engagement Updates

The Don Summerville Scholarship Program

A scholarship program was launched on February 28, 2020. In May 2020, five full time scholarships and bursaries (or the equivalent) for a total value of \$17,500 were awarded by the scholarship panel.

TCHC, Context Development Inc., RioCan, and Applegrove Community Complex plan to host a scholarship ceremony to honour the recipients in the fall, pending the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

Stay tuned for an announcement in February 2021 for the second round of the Don Summerville scholarship program!

Employment

Throughout the revitalization of Don Summerville, formal partnerships have been secured with Woodgreen Employment Services and TDSB Next Steps Employment Centre to assist tenants in their job search. Tenants are being connected to employment providers on a continual basis.

If you or someone in your household is looking for a job and would like to get referred, please contact Raven Williams (contact information is listed below).

Bins, Bins, Bins!

To help facilitate the de-cluttering process in preparation for relocation, TCHC, alongside the developer partners Context Development Inc. and RioCan, are providing bins for household waste, recycling, and donation. Three bins are available in the courtyard starting August 14 between 1555 and 1575 Queen Street East, and they will be picked up on Monday, August 24, 2020. Please ensure that you pull the lever on the short side of the bin to gain access.

Key contacts

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Relocation Questions:

416-981-5277

Client Care Centre:

(For maintenance and repair requests)

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