

MEN'S EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROJECT

14452 Yonge Street, Aurora

Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting #1

Thursday, February 17, 2022

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



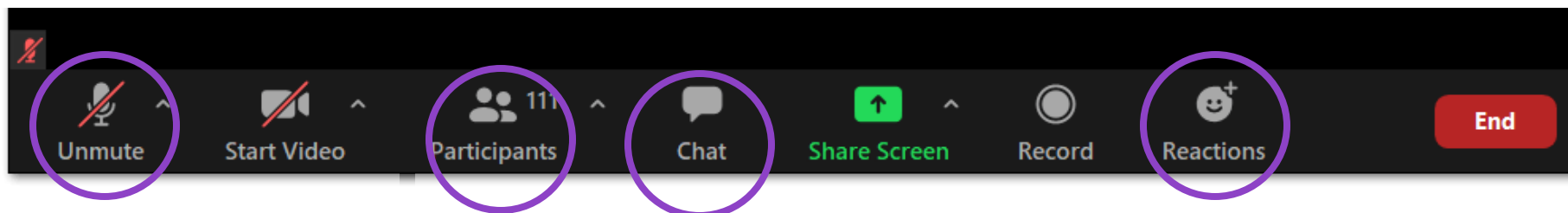
TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- 1. Welcome & Introductions**
- 2. Terms of Reference & Rules of Engagement**
- 3. Project Background**
- 4. Project Update & Preliminary Site Design**
- 5. Questions & Discussion**
- 6. Wrap-up & Next Steps**



ZOOM ETIQUETTE

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS



INTRODUCTIONS

Tonight's Presenters:

- **Sophia Bittar**, Community Liaison
- **Melissa McEnroe**, Manager, Affordable Housing Development
- **Colin Simic**, Program Manager, Affordable Housing Development
- **Theresa De Rose**, Manager, Homelessness Community Programs

Other Project Members:

- **Daniela Ashton**, Community Homelessness Prevention Advisor
- **Tricia Wretham**, Program Manager (A), Departmental Communications



POLLING QUESTION #1

**How are you feeling
about today?**



MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

**Your name and why you
were interested in joining
the Community Liaison
Committee**



RULES OF ENGAGEMENT



GROUND RULES

- Be thoughtful and considerate when asking questions
- Assist in keeping community members updated
- Participate and share your feedback



POLLING QUESTION #2

**Can we share your
email with other
CLC members?**



TERMS OF REFERENCE



Objective:

- To provide a collaborative forum for input on the construction, service delivery and opening of the new emergency & transitional housing development



Goals:

- To advise the community and answer questions on the construction project
- To facilitate information sharing and open dialogue
- To build and maintain positive relationships amongst the community, contractor, and the program partners
- To proactively identify and resolve any issues, opportunities and concerns related to construction
- To support the successful integration of the building and its future residents into the surrounding community



Accountability & Commitment:

- Attend quarterly meetings on 2nd Wednesday of the meeting month
- Review agenda and background materials before meetings
- Assist in keeping your existing community networks apprised of the project by only sharing information provided by York Region
- Respectful conduct during meetings is required at all times

POLLING QUESTION #3

What meeting time works best for you?



PROJECT BACKGROUND



CURRENT LANDSCAPE



Porter Place
Emergency Housing

PLANNED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Project Goal: Creating a Multi-Service Building

- Emergency housing and longer-term transitional housing
- Supportive counselling, life-skills training and wellness resources
- Referrals to community supports and resources
- Support to develop financial literacy skills, education, training and job search
- Help to find and keep permanent housing



PROJECT ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATIONS



2021



MAY

- / Kick off community engagement
- / Launch project web page



JUNE

- / Public Information Centre #1 (Service Providers)



NOVEMBER

- / Begin outreach to neighbouring community
- / Begin consultations to inform building design



DECEMBER

- / Public Information Centre #2
- / Launch Community Liaison Committee (CLC) application process

WHAT WE HAVE HEARD: IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

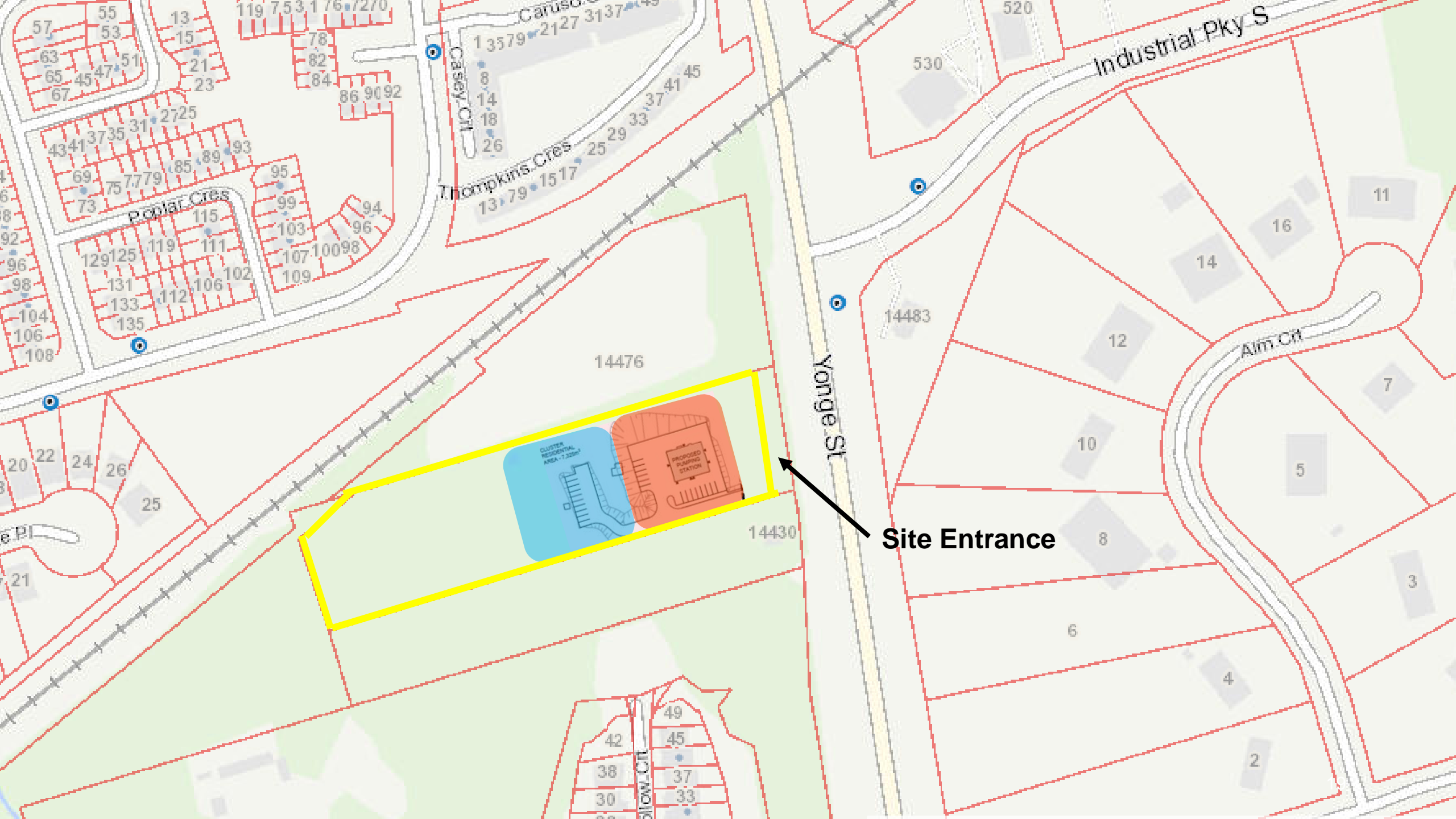
- What is emergency and transitional housing
- Why was this location chosen
- Why do we need a new building for men seeking housing support
- How will York Region address community safety
- Are there connections between emergency and transitional housing and an increase in neighbourhood crime
- What will happen to the value of my property



Visit york.ca/MensHousing to review our Project FAQ

PROJECT UPDATE & PRELIMINARY SITE DESIGN





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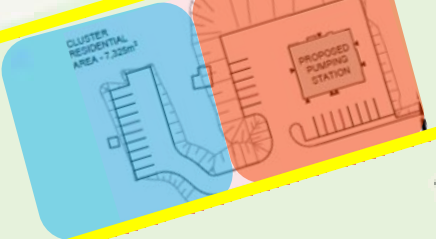
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Site Entrance

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INCLUSIVE APPROACH

Objective:

- Provide high-quality, environmentally sustainable housing that is safe, secure and affordable

Principles:

- User-centred design
- Respect and dignity
- Safety and security
- Health and wellness
- Sustainability, durability and resiliency
- Integration with communities
- Flexibility

PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN

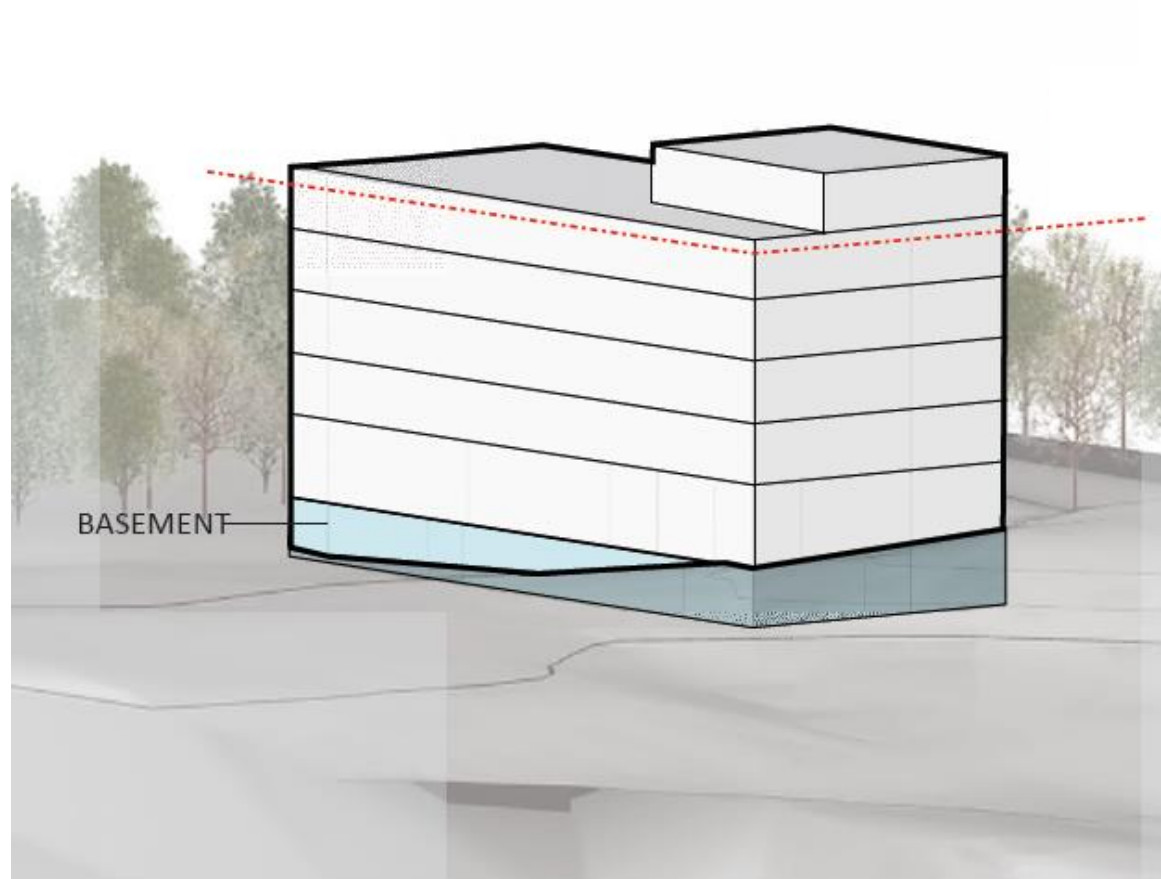
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- The design is very preliminary and will be finalized over the coming months.



BUILDING MASS MODEL — VIEW 1

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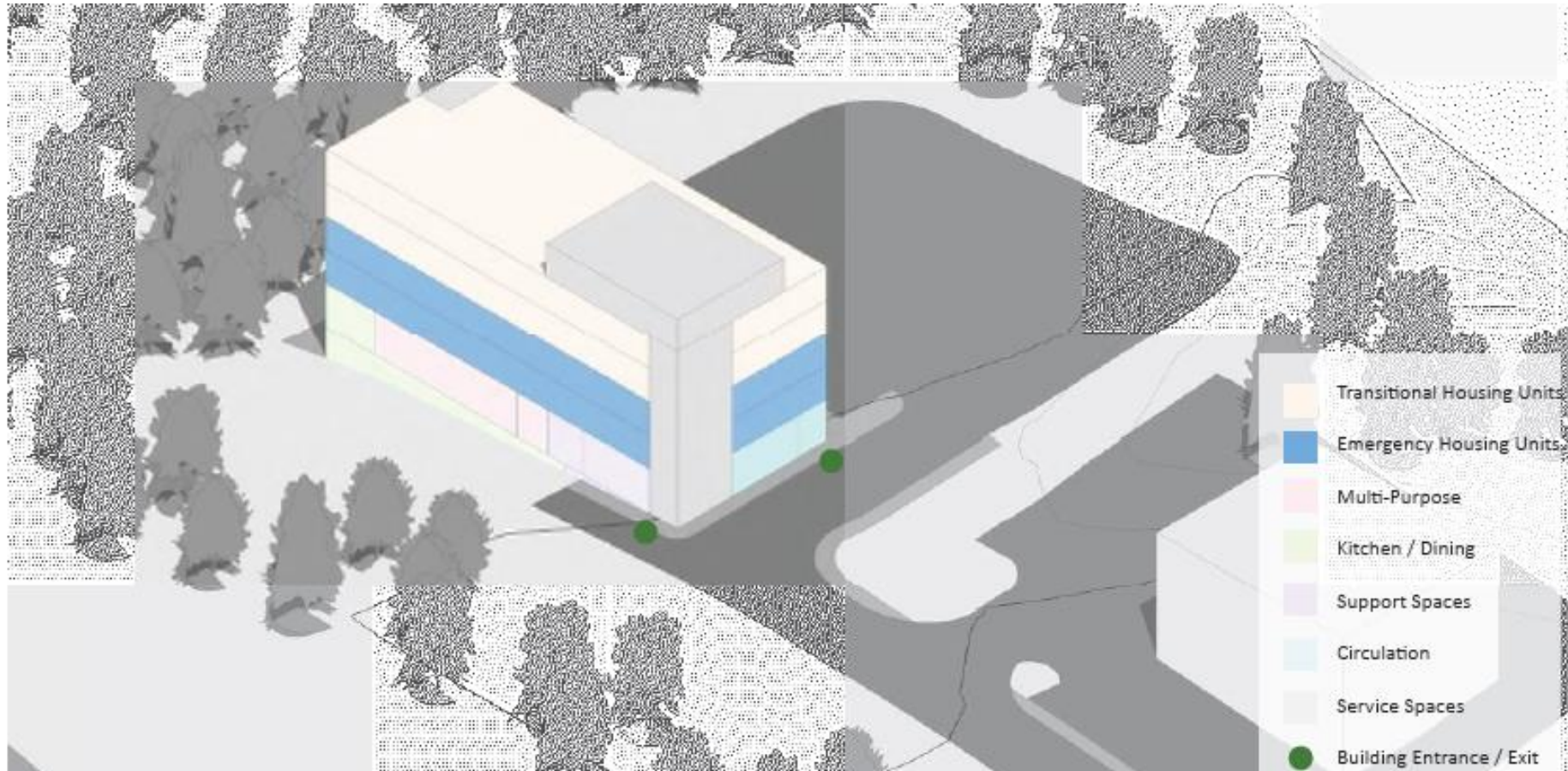


Preliminary Design Components:

- Passive House design
- Wrap-around programming and services
- 5 storeys + basement in height
- 30 to 40 emergency housing units
 - Bachelor units
 - Shared kitchen and washrooms
- 10 to 26 transitional housing units
 - Mix of bachelor and 3-bdrm units
 - Individual kitchens and washrooms
- Ground-floor amenity space
- Basement-floor amenity space
- Outdoor amenity space

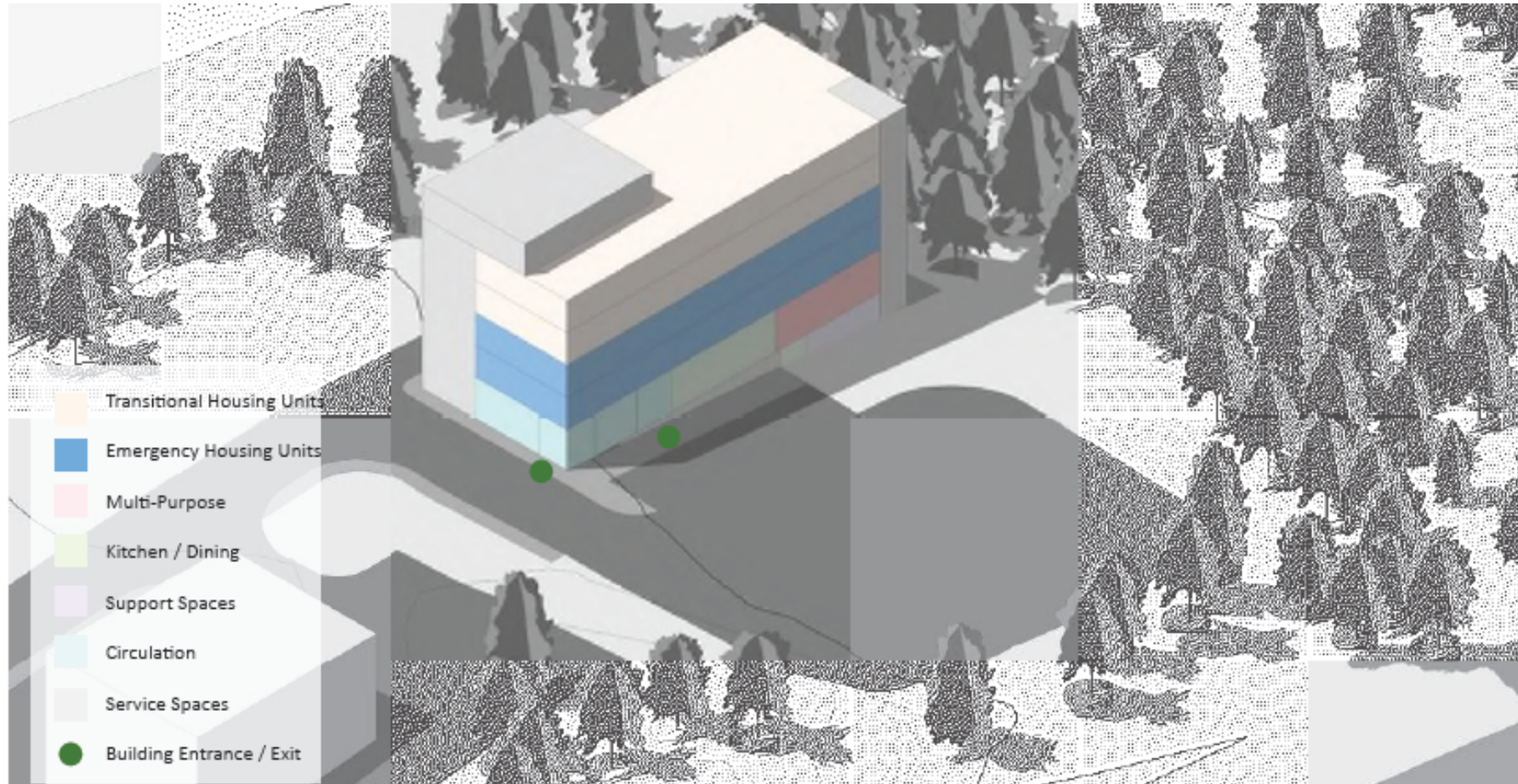
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BUILDING MASS MODEL — VIEW 3

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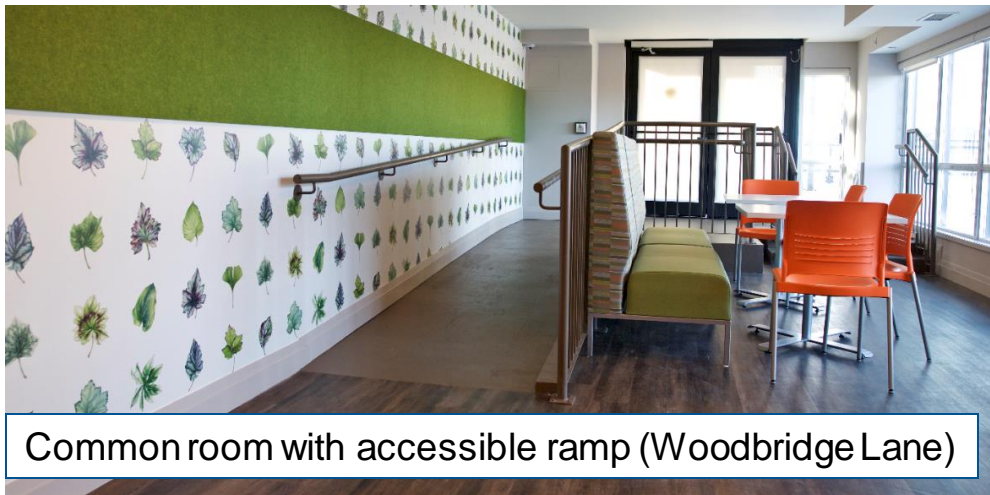
WHAT COMMON AMENITY SPACES MAY LOOK LIKE



Common room (Woodbridge Lane)



Open concept lobby (Richmond Hill Hub)



Common room with accessible ramp (Woodbridge Lane)



'Laundry Room' sign with braille beneath the text

QUESTIONS & CONVERSATION



LET'S BRAINSTORM

**What topics would
you like to discuss
at upcoming
meetings?**



ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER FOR BUILDING & SITE LAYOUT

- After reviewing the preliminary site plan concept, what would you change or add?
- What are some design considerations for site and parking layout?
- What design features would you like to see implemented to make the site feel safe and secure for clients and nearby neighbours?
- What type of amenity spaces would be a good fit for this development?
- What are we missing?

WRAP-UP & NEXT STEPS



UPCOMING MILESTONES



2022



FEBRUARY 17 (TODAY)

- / CLC Meeting #1 (ongoing for duration of project)
- / An email will be circulated with minutes from tonight's meeting and our next meeting date (spring/summer 2022)



MARCH 21

- / Upcoming Public Information Centre (PIC) Meeting #3
- / Information to be circulated in coming weeks



APRIL

- / Incorporate feedback from CLC and PIC meetings into design and submit planning application to Town of Aurora



STAY INVOLVED

- **Send comments or questions to:**

Sophia Bittar, Community Liaison

905-806-0713

MensHousing@york.ca

- **Stay connected by visiting:**
york.ca/MensHousing

- Project information and updates
- Sign-up for our project e-newsletter
- Presentations
- FAQs
- Upcoming public engagement meetings



THANK YOU!

