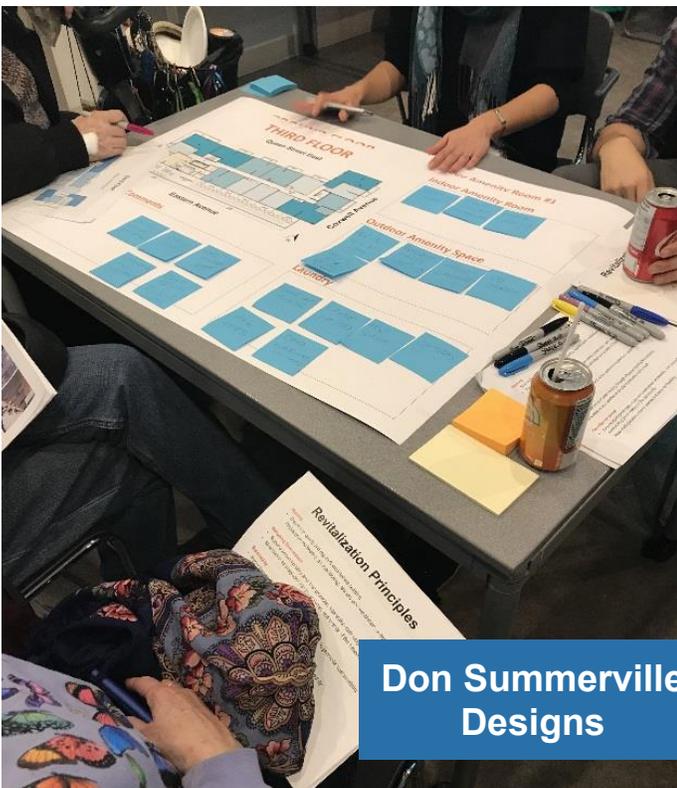




Don Summerville *Digest*

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Don Summerville tenants vision for shared spaces



**Don Summerville
Designs**

On the evening of Wednesday November 13, Don Summerville tenants made their way to East End Community Health Centre to participate in several design exercises led by staff from TCHC, Context Development Inc., Applegrove

Community Complex, and Urban Strategies Inc. The meeting began with a brief refresher presentation on the revitalization principles developed by tenants last year, and the proposed plans for the new building.

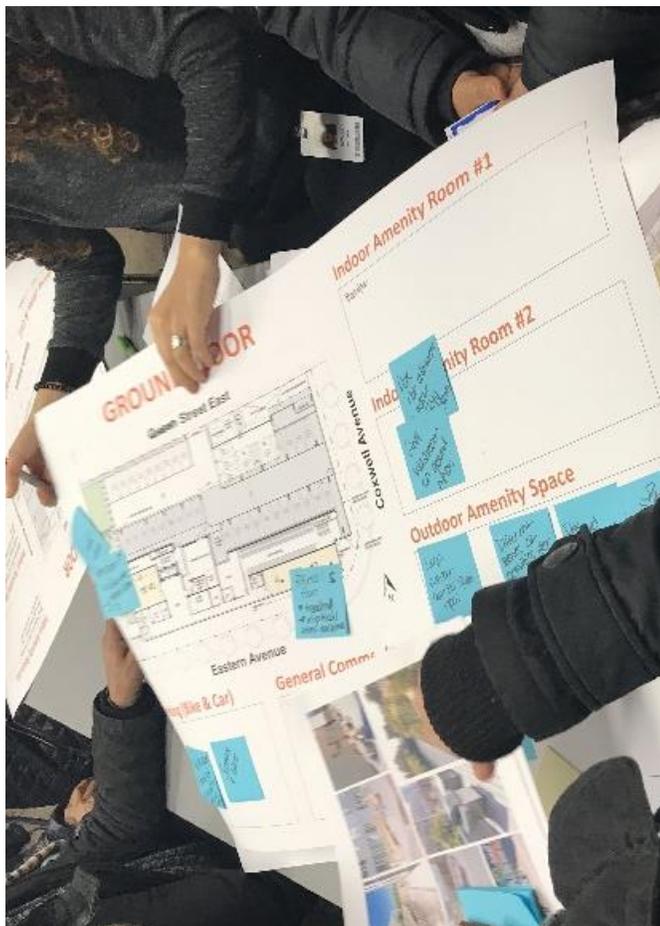
Tenants were tasked with providing input on what they envisioned for the new building's first and third floor common areas.

Tenants were seated at several tables throughout the room with facilitators and subject matter experts who helped guide them through the exercises via the use of photographs and asking questions such as, *“what is the first thing that comes to mind when you think about the building’s amenity spaces?”* and *“should spaces be dedicated to specific types of activities, or should they be multi-purpose spaces?”*

Tenants got a chance to talk among their groups and write their innovative ideas for these common areas on the comment sheets and sticky notes.

At the end of the interactive activities, Don Summerville resident and tenant advisory group member, Joan Forde, described her design experience as, *“building on what we talked about in the tenant advisory group.”* She also said, *“It was really good. I enjoyed the activities.”*

Youth tenant, Zunaira Khalique, described the materials used to engage tenants at the design meeting to be, *“very informative and well structured.”* She also goes on to say, *“I felt like my thoughts were considered, and I liked the design of the building.”*



Relocation 101 meeting recap

The Relocation 101 meeting for Don Summerville took place on the evening of Wednesday November 20, in the community recreation room in 1555 Queen Street East. Staff from Applegrove Community Complex, alongside TCHC staff from Relocation, Revitalization, and Development, provided tenants with a high-level overview of what to expect before, during, and after relocation takes place. Community partners Don Valley Community Legal Services and the East End Community Health Centre were also invited to the meeting to connect with tenants to provide relocation-specific supports and services.



Relocation 101 Meeting



The presentation began with a review of the revitalization plan and was followed by the relocation commitments and processes. Tenants were also informed of the various ways they can be involved in community engagement and social development activities that will span the entire lifecycle of this revitalization.

As a result of an increase in early engagement around relocation and the launching of the Revitalization and Relocation Office in 1555 Queen Street East, the amount of questions have decreased since the initial revitalization meeting in September 2019.



Don Summerville Holiday Dinner

Please join us for an evening of delicious food and holiday cheer with your neighbours and friends in the community!

Date: December 19, 2019

Time: 6p.m.

Location: East End Community Health Centre

Lobby intercept and drop-in session on design

A lobby intercept on design was held on November 21, with staff from Development and Revitalization. Tenants who were unable to make it to the November 13 design meeting, or those who had more to contribute – got a chance to share their input. Both teams engaged tenants in each of the building’s lobbies on their design preferences for the new building’s ground and third floor indoor and outdoor amenity spaces and other shared areas of the building. Tenants shared great suggestions that take into consideration their needs in the new building’s design.

The results from the lobby intercept and design meeting were made available during a drop-in session with Development staff in the Relocation Office on November 27. A “What We Heard” report was also prepared with the findings, and can be found in the office for tenants who missed the drop-in session.

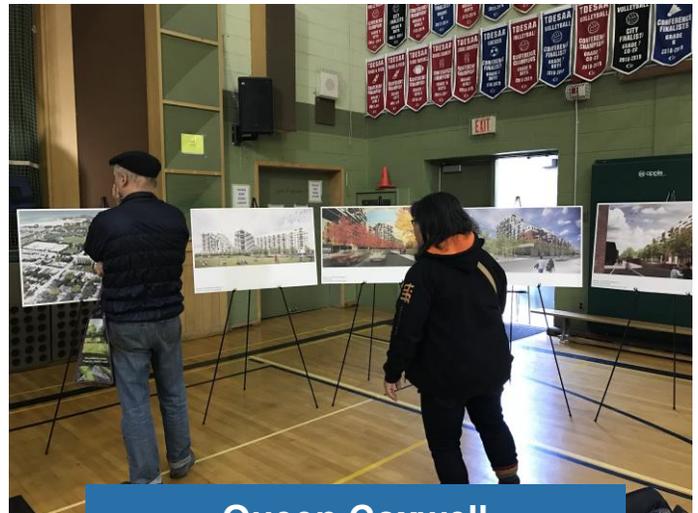


Public open houses

Two public open houses were held with the broader community on the Queen Coxwell revitalization on Saturday, November 23, and Tuesday, November 26, at the Duke of Connaught school. During the open houses, staff from TCHC, Context Development, and the City of Toronto were present to answer questions around building a mixed-income community.

In addition to the replacement of 120 rent-geared-to-income (RGI) units, the new plan will add 100 affordable apartments, 180 market rental apartments, 350 condominium units, and 16,000 square feet of new retail on Queen Street East. The revitalization project creates a truly mixed and balanced community by adding market and affordable rental into a TCHC redevelopment.

For more information about the Queen Coxwell Revitalization, which includes the revitalization of the Don Summerville community, please visit:
<https://queencoxwellrevitalization.com/>



Queen Coxwell
Revitalization Open Houses



**Still have questions about relocation and/or revitalization?
Please visit the Relocation and Revitalization Office, located in the basement of 1555 Queen Street East, to speak with TCHC staff.**

Office Hours

Tuesdays 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Revitalization hours)

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