



Don Summerville *Digest*

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Revitalization and relocation update meeting

The Revitalization Information Meeting held on the evening of January 28, 2020 in the Community Recreation Room in 1555 Queen Street East was designed to provide tenants with a recap of the information discussed in the November 2019 Relocation 101 Meeting and to provide some important updates about the relocation process.

At the meeting, more than 50 tenant attendees were made aware of the relocation packages that TCHC recently mailed to tenants. Toronto Community Housing's Relocation Manager, Sanja Arpadzic, explained the contents of the package, and let tenants know that the package shows an effective date of **February 1, 2020**.

Tenants are encouraged to review the documents in the package carefully, and to contact the relocation team or visit the Relocation Office located in the basement of 1555 Queen Street East if they have questions. Please note that all Don Summerville tenants now have fob access to 1555 Queen Street East.



**Nov. 2019
Revitalization
and Relocation
Meeting**

**Next Event: February 11th
Random Draw Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2020

**Location: Gymnasium
Duke of Connaught Public School
70 Woodfield Road, Toronto
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Random Draw Meeting

On February 11, 2020, tenants will receive information about their options for relocation during revitalization. A draw number will be issued to households who will continue their tenancy at TCHC. These numbers will be used to determine which household will be awarded a particular relocation

unit when two or more households are interested in moving to the same unit. If you are unable to attend the Random Draw Meeting, a number will still be assigned to your household, but please let Relocation staff know if you cannot attend the meeting as soon as possible by phoning (416) 981-5277 or dropping into the Relocation Office.

1080 Eastern Avenue tenants contribute to revitalization



Revitalization Meeting for 1080 Eastern

Currently, tenants of 1080 Eastern Avenue have access to the Community Recreation Room located in the basement of 1555 Queen Street East.

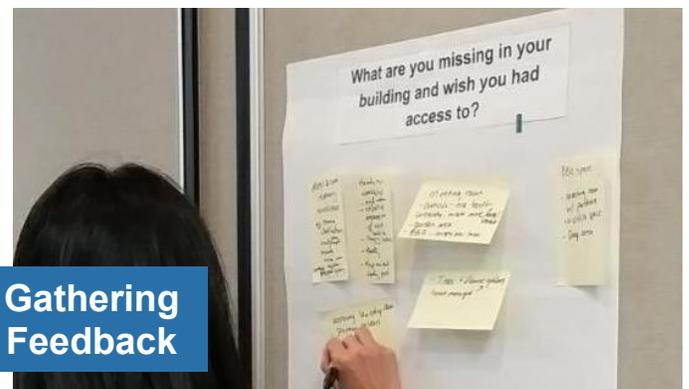
At three different workshop stations across the room, tenants were asked the following questions:

1. What are you missing in your building and wish you had access to?
2. How do you see yourself using the amenity space?
3. How can we ensure the space is accessible to everyone?

On Tuesday, January 21, 2020, tenants from 1080 Eastern Avenue were invited to a Don Summerville Revitalization Information and Design meeting hosted by TCHC at East End Community Health Centre. Mohamed Ibrahim, aide to Ward 19 Beaches-East York Councillor Brad Bradford, was also in attendance.

At the end of the meeting, tenants had a greater understanding of revitalization and were appreciative of the opportunity to be engaged through their inclusion in the design activity. TCHC will meet with 1080 Eastern Avenue tenants in the future when there is additional information to share.

In the first half of the meeting, tenants were provided an introduction to the upcoming Don Summerville revitalization and also got a chance to ask questions about the new building and proposed shared space. The second half of the meeting consisted of a workshop that allowed tenants to provide their input on different elements of the shared space that 1080 Eastern Avenue tenants will have access to.



Gathering Feedback

Creating opportunities through revitalization

Don Summerville tenant Kewana Boyce had been longing for opportunities to display his musical creativity skills within TCHC. On Thursday, December 19, 2019, he finally received the chance. Tenants filled with festive cheer made their way to the East End Community Health Centre for Don Summerville's annual Season's Greeting Dinner while Kewana, otherwise known by his stage name *DJ Wacky*, got set up.

TCHC revitalization staff, through their commitment to seek out and provide opportunities for tenants, enlisted DJ Wacky to provide DJ services for the holiday dinner and celebration. DJ Wacky, who has been a DJ for over 15 years, provides DJ and emcee services for weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, night clubs, and more. Growing up in a creative household sparked his love for music. Not only that, he mentions that Kevin Lyttle—a prominent Soca artist from the Caribbean island St. Vincent and creator of the hit song, "Turn Me On"—is his cousin.

DJ Wacky specializes in a variety of musical genres ensuring that he works with his clients to deliver what they want. At the dinner he played a number of holiday classics and some Top 40 hits to get the party jumping.

His most memorable moments during Don Summerville's Season's Greeting Dinner and Celebration were spent "Making everybody happy and making sure everybody was pleased," he said.

When asked what encouraging words he would give to any aspiring DJs living in TCHC community, DJ Wacky replied: "Just be yourself. Don't try to be like any other DJ. Try to find your craft, be different." He went on to say: "As a young DJ, try to focus on being a good DJ. Also try to be multicultural. Try to shock your client and give them something they won't expect!" And most importantly, "Be on time so that if anything goes wrong, you have time to improvise!"

DJ Wacky hopes that one day he can teach a DJ beginners' class to some of the youth tenants in Don Summerville. TCHC staff will continue to work with him to make those dreams a reality.



**Don Summerville
Season's Greeting Dinner**



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