



Firgrove

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Needle Firway Update Meeting

Project Background

The apartment building at 5 Needle Firway, and the adjacent townhouses on Needle Firway will be refurbished using funding from the Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program (SHAIP), and the townhouse units and apartment will also receive new cladding, windows, and mechanical and electrical upgrades geared towards energy and greenhouse gas savings. These upgrades will help improve tenant quality of life and comfort.

Current Status

The project architects, LGA Architectural Partners, have been working to advance the project designs for the community and have met with Firgrove residents to share ideas and to obtain feedback.

On November 6, a community meeting was held with residents of 5 Needle Firway and the adjacent 15 townhouses. At the meeting, residents were presented with two separate concept designs to be considered.



Community Update Meeting

Following this meeting, engagement staff conducted surveys with residents of the 5 Needle Firway building and adjacent Needle Firway townhouses. They were able to view the two concepts on panels in the lobby area and tenants were also visited door-to-door and asked which option they preferred. Based on resident votes, LGA Architectural Partners will be proceeding with Option A.

We look forward to sharing our progress with the Firgrove community early in 2019.

Revitalization Office Launch

A new Revitalization Office has opened at 22 Needle Firway.

Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) staff and tenants celebrated the launch of the new office space on November 13. The Firgrove Revitalization Office is a dedicated space where tenants are able to comment on designs, get updates on the Needle Firway refurbishment plans, as well as connect with TCHC staff in person, to learn more about all the ongoing projects.

Thanks to all who celebrated the opening with us, it was a great success!

Revitalization Office Hours

Mondays from 2 to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays from 5 to 7:00 p.m.

Fridays from 10 a.m. to Noon



Revite Office Launch



Third Master Plan Community Workshop

On November 27 the third Firgrove Community Workshop was held to inform tenants about the emerging concept plan, over two sessions. Staff from TCHC's Development and Revitalization teams presented, as well as the master planning consultants, The Planning Partnership. After the presentation, the workshop included smaller table discussions where tenants provided input on various elements of the master plan.



Master Plan Workshop

Tenants who missed the community workshop or would like to know more about the emerging concept plan can visit the Revitalization Office located at 22 Needle Firway during office hours. In January 2019, the concept plan that will be submitted to the City of Toronto will be shown to tenants during an open house. Details about this event will be provided early in 2019.



The RESILIENCY Project

The RESILIENCY Project was one of five groups selected to pitch ideas to the Black Youth Mental Health Alliance (BYMHA) micro-grant competition at the Youth Employment and Wellness Expo. The aim of the RESILIENCY project is to build capacity and encourage youth leaders from the community to become mental health champions in order to fight against mental health stigma and promote healing and wellness in the Firgrove community.

The RESILIENCY Project was awarded funding to launch the project which will begin workshops starting in spring 2019.



Tenant Input

A Tenant Advisory Committee (TAC) has been established with Firgrove tenants to provide input on neighbourhood priorities and matters related to the master planning process. The TAC will meet on a monthly basis with TCHC staff.

Festive Season Party

Join us for a festive season party on Saturday, December 15, 2018, at the Firgrove Learning and Innovation Community Centre (FLICC) from 2 to 7:00 p.m. Mix and mingle with TCHC staff and your neighbours. There will be crafts, presents, and dinner provided.

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