



# Firgrove

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## Alexandra Park Tour

Firgrove tenants were invited for a tour of the Alexandra Park community, located in downtown Toronto on April 26, 2019. After lunch and a presentation by TCHC Development staff on *Revitalization 101*, Firgrove tenants hopped onto a bus and headed downtown. At the Alexandra Park Community Centre, staff and tenants of the Alexandra Park community welcomed Firgrove tenants, and provided an overview of the master plan, revitalization, and the high level of tenant engagement that has occurred in Alexandra Park to date.

On the tour, Firgrove tenants made several pit stops in the community, where staff and tenants provided stories and background information about each stop. The pit stops on the tour included a visit to the Sonny Atkinson Mural, the Phase 1 revitalization townhouses on Paul Lane Gardens, the SQ1 condominium by Tridel, the 20 Vanauley refurbishment, and finally the Atkinson Co-op, where the tour concluded with an engaging Q&A between Firgrove and Alexandra Park tenants.

Overall, Firgrove tenants felt they learned a lot from this community exchange and would like to continue to strengthen the relationship and knowledge sharing between both communities.



**Alexandra Park Presentation**



**Touring Alexandra Park**



**Sonny Atkinson  
Mural**



**TCHC Townhouses (front)  
SQ1 Condo (back)**

# 5 Needle Firway Community Update

At our last community update meeting on April 2, 2019, TCHC's consultant, LGA Architects provided an update about the recladding and renovation project at 5 Needle Firway and 2-14, 22-36 Needle Firway. Since this meeting, the project is now in the tender stage and TCHC plans to formally hire the contractor this summer. The construction work is expected to start in August 2019.

LGA presented the latest designs for the building exterior based on initial feedback from tenants. Sample boards will be made available in the next few weeks for Firgrove tenants to vote for your favourite design.

LGA Architects also provided a sneak peek of the ground floor interior renovations, including a new accessible washroom and community rooms that will be located at the south-east end of 5 Needle Firway.

These new community rooms will give tenants of 5 Needle Firway some much needed space to gather for meetings and social gatherings.

At the next community update meeting, TCHC will present some options for the interior finishes of the new community rooms, and hopes to provide an updated construction schedule from the selected contractor. Please plan on attending.



## Celebrating Black History Month

An evening filled with music, dance, poetry, storytelling, good food and good company. On February 22, 2019, the Firgrove Learning and Innovation Community Centre (FLICC) held a Black History month event to celebrate African and Caribbean culture with neighbours and friends of the Firgrove-Grassways community. A special shout out goes to the Senior Program Leaders Venesha Cardwell, Nisha Baig, Ose Okonofua and Lorraine Anderson for organizing and hosting an amazing event.



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