

Building a Great Neighbourhood Together

The 12 Regent Park Community Planning Principles

The success of the Regent Park revitalization depends on resident and community engagement. Toronto residents and Toronto Community Housing have developed the following community planning principles:

- 1. Renew the Regent Park neighbourhood** ❖ Today, Regent Park is more than just housing: there are new city streets, retail spaces and community facilities, with much more coming in future phases.
- 2. Re-introduce pedestrian-friendly streets and park spaces** ❖ The Big Park design is completed and construction will begin in 2013. We are still in the planning stages of the Regent Park Athletic Grounds, which will provide community access to new sports fields.
- 3. Design a safe and accessible neighbourhood** ❖ New streets and buildings are designed with safety, visibility and accessibility in mind.
- 4. Involve the community in the process** ❖ Residents are involved in many aspects of the Revitalization Plan, from building and design to safety management.
- 5. Build on cultural diversity, youth, skills and energy** ❖ Daniels Spectrum Arts and Cultural Centre is now open and it provides a home to many arts and youth groups in the neighbourhood. In Phase One, we opened the 40 Regent Street Childcare and Youth Centre, which provides childcare options and space for youth organizations.

- 6. Create a diverse neighbourhood with a mix of uses, including a range of housing, employment institutions and services** ❖ More than 571 new jobs have already been created in Regent Park the revitalization. They include positions in the trades, construction, retail stores, restaurants and
- 7. Design a clean, healthy and environmentally responsible neighbourhood** ❖ GREEN features apartment help residents use water and energy more efficiently. A high-efficiency system heats and cools Regent Park, which conserves energy and lowers our carbon footprint.
- 8. Keep the same number of RGI units that existed before the revitalization began** ❖ 593 RGI units were built in Phase One apartments and townhouses, and at the completion of Phase Two, an additional 309 RGI units will be built.
- 9. Minimize disruption for households during relocation** ❖ We work hard to match households with their first choice of a relocation unit.
- 10. Develop a financially responsible strategy** ❖ Condominium sales are strong, which helps Toronto Community Housing pay for the reconstruction of rental housing and new streets.
- 11. Create a successful Toronto neighbourhood** ❖ People from across the city come to Regent Park for new attractions such as the Aquatic Centre and Daniels Spectrum. The new park, “Regent Park,” will begin construction in 2013, adding to a growing list of neighbourhood amenities.
- 12. Improve the remainder of Regent Park during the redevelopment** ❖ We have created the Community Construction Liaison Committee (CCLC) to communicate with nearby residents on construction issues. We continue to invest in capital repairs to improve our existing buildings.

We consider all these principles as we continue to build a great neighbourhood.