



## **SENIORS FOR SOCIAL ACTION (ONTARIO)**

### **INFORMATION BULLETIN**

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#### **Precedent!**

### **Federal Government Partners with City Of Toronto to Create Staffed 24/7 Housing and Support for People at Risk of Homelessness Including Older Adults**

A 5 storey modular building at 4626 Kingston Road in Scarborough will ultimately house 86 safe, affordable, multi-generational units with support services provided by Fred Victor – a multi-service organization. Funding for the new modular building is being provided by the Federal Rapid Housing Initiative, and the City of Toronto and Ontario government are funding the staffing, health care, health-related services, and community development programs required to support residents.

The Rapid Housing Initiative, developed in 2020 to address housing needs of vulnerable populations, is funded by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation under the National Housing Strategy. It is part of an initiative to rapidly construct affordable, supportive housing to create staffed homes for at-risk populations.

“The second Phase of RHI was announced in July 2021. Across Phase 1 and 2, the City has received over \$400 million to create almost 1,000 new affordable and supportive homes. Due to this success, an additional \$1.5 billion for the RHI was announced through Budget 2021.” (City of Toronto, 2022).

#### **A PRECEDENT THAT COULD BE REPLICATED**

This is a City acquired property. Municipally acquired properties across Ontario could be used for this purpose. Time to share this with your local and regional Councillors!

This is a precedent – providing housing with staffing support for vulnerable populations. It could be used as a model to house older adults at risk of institutionalization in long-term care facilities who, for whatever reason, are unable to remain in their own homes. Safe, staffed housing like this could be created for individuals with both physical and cognitive disabilities, affording them more privacy and control than they would have in a long-term care institution, as well as more individualized support, offered in an inter-generational setting.

#### **REFERENCE**

City of Toronto. (July 14, 2022). Mayor John Tory officially opens new affordable supportive housing at 4626 Kingston Road. [Mayor John Tory officially opens new affordable supportive housing at 4626 Kingston Rd. – City of Toronto](#)