

## Unionville Seniors Hub

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### Our talk today....

- 1. Background on Unionville Project
- 2. Proposed Seniors Hub
- 3. Hearing from you
- 4. Next Steps





### Heritage Village

• Built in 1978

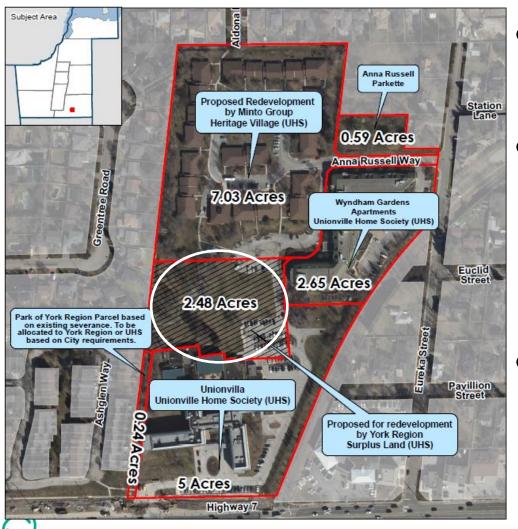
 92 one-bedroom townhouses

Seniors only





# York Region Unionville Redevelopment



- New affordable housing for seniors
- Existing tenants
   have option to
   move into the new
   building
- Private ownership townhouses

**Community and Health Services** 

**Housing Services** 



### **Development Activities**

- 1. Community Liaison Committee meetings
- 2. Submitted Planning Applications
- 3. Engaging a consultant to develop "Senior-Friendly Design Guidelines"
- 4. Confirm a builder partner
- 5. Construction begins 2019
- 6. Residents return to new building in 2021





View looking East



View looking North West



### Senior-Focused Design Elements

- Accessibility
- Travel distances
- Fire safety
- Doors and entries
- Lighting, materials, colour







### Question #1

 What else can we include to consider the needs of those living with different kinds of abilities?



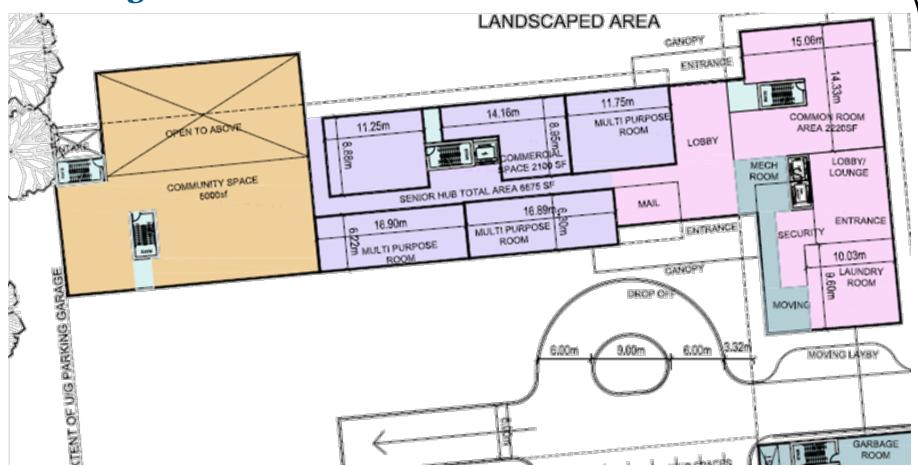


# Community Centre and Seniors Hub









Community Centre – 6,000 sq. ft. Proposed Seniors Hub – 6,700 sq. ft.

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**Housing Services** 



#### Vision for Seniors Hub

 Provide inclusive, accessible and supportive spaces

 Offer a range of services to support the health and well-being of seniors living in the community







### What we're hearing











**Community and Health Services** 

**Housing Services** 





### Question #2

 What would make a program truly accessible for seniors with different abilities?





#### **Seniors Hub**

- Conversations with community agencies
- Developing a survey for applicants on the waiting list and community residents
- Workplan includes further consultations in Q1 of 2018
- Determine best process based on service needs





### **Community Centre**

- Offer a public and accessible space for members of the community to enjoy a range of recreational amenities
- York Region has been working with the City of Markham's Recreation Services Department to determine operation of the community centre
- These discussions are ongoing and will have approval by Spring of 2018





### Question #3

Is there anything else we need to consider?





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