BOX GROVE COMMUNITY HOUSING

14TH AVENUE AND DONALD COUSENS PARKWAY, CITY OF MARKHAM

COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE #2

FEBRUARY 23, 2023

York Region

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that York Region is located on the traditional territory of many Indigenous peoples including the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat and Métis peoples and the treaty territories of the Haudenosaunee, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Williams Treaties First Nations. Today this area is home to many diverse Indigenous Peoples, and we recognize their history, spirituality, culture and stewardship of this land. We also acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our closest First Nation community.

TONIGHT'S AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Project updates
3. What we heard – concept plan updates
4. Questions and conversation
5. Next steps

ZOOM MEETING ETIQUETTE

- Please mute your microphone when you are not speaking
- When you have question or comment:
    1. Click on the Reactions or Participants button at the bottom of the screen
    2. Click the Raise Hand icon
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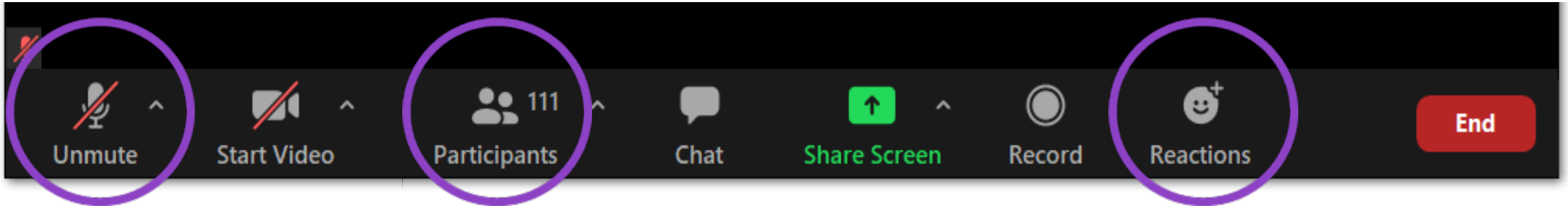


WELCOMING REMARKS

MEET THE PROJECT TEAM

Tonight's Presenters:

- **Sabrina Greggain,** Program Manager, Housing Services
- **Graham Hendren,** Housing Development Planner

Other Project Members:

- **Sharon Thomas,** Community Liaison
- **Lindsey Adlam,** Engagement and Outreach Specialist
- **Melissa McEnroe,** Manager, Affordable Housing Development

POLLING QUESTION #1

How are you feeling about today?

- Totally pumped
- A little nervous but also excited
- Ambivalent
- Apprehensive



ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome! Let’s do a quick check-in.

Please tell us your name and share an activity you’ve been doing this winter.

PROJECT UPDATES

REVIEW OF CLC MEETING #1 DISCUSSION

At our last meeting we discussed:

- Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) background
- Site context and overview
- Proposed concept plan
- Schedule and next steps

Key comments and feedback included:

- Design and layout of the proposed development
- Community and site safety for existing and new residents
- Opportunity to support community amenities (e.g., sidewalk)

SITE CONTEXT



Southeast at 14th Ave and Vettese Ct.



Southwest at 14th Ave and DCP



Context map

RAPID HOUSING INTIATIVE

- CMHC launched the Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) to support rapid creation of new affordable housing
- York Region submitted previous RHI applications in 2020 and 2021 but was not awarded funding
- York Region proceeded with planning applications to get the Box Grove site development ready should additional funding be secured
- CMHC recently announced RHI Round 3 – an opportunity for Box Grove
- RHI applications are due March 15, 2023. CMHC will approve projects by summer 2023.



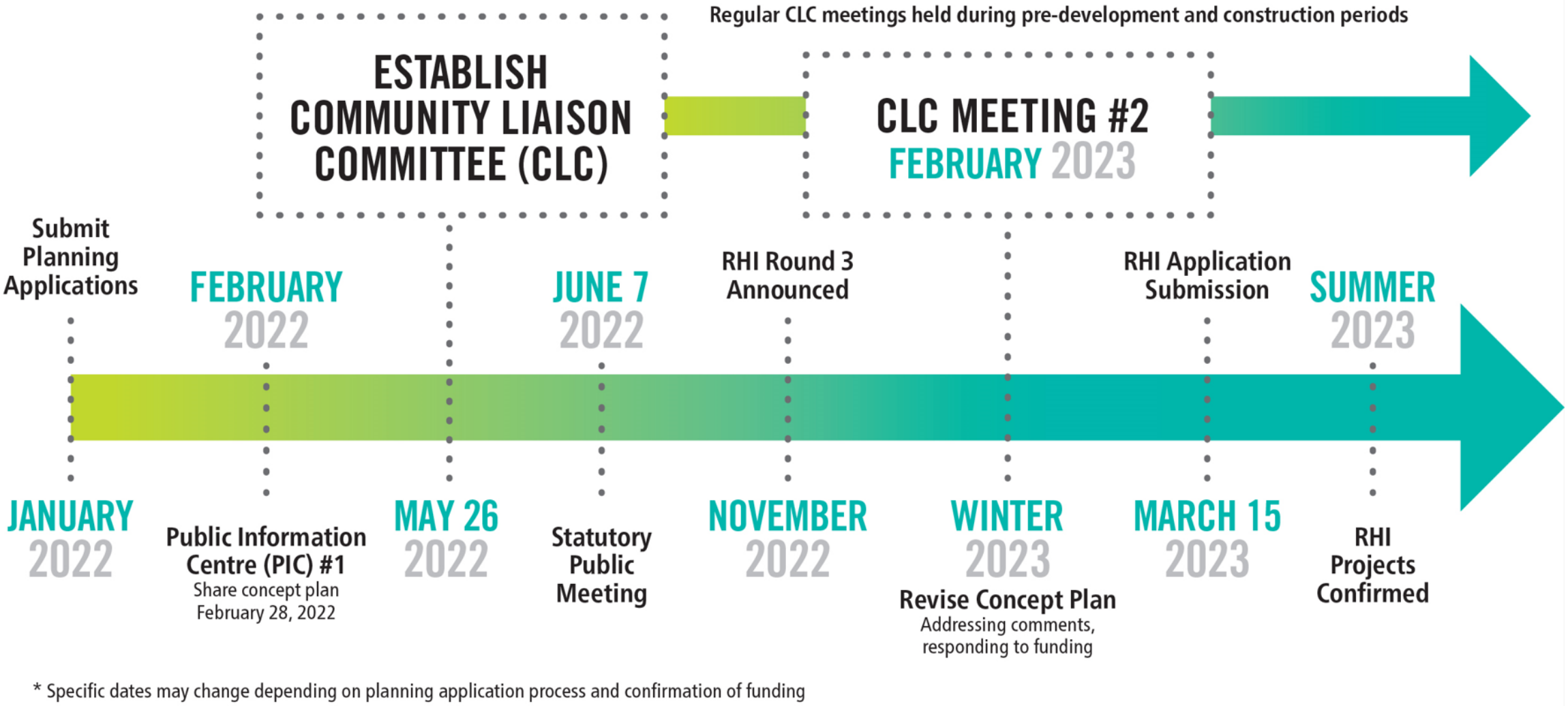


HOW DOES THIS IMPACT THE PROJECT?

- York Region plans on reapplying for RHI funding to support the Box Grove project
- York Region is in the early stages of identifying potential designers and builders if funding is secured
- If RHI funding isn't secured, different concept plans are being explored such as a single-phase concept
- The same planning permissions are being requested, regardless of which development scenario is undertaken



WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS?



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WHAT WE HEARD — CONCEPT PLAN UPDATES

SITE CONSTRAINTS



LEGEND

- Developable area
- Regulated floodplain
- 5 m and 10 m floodplain setback
- Zoning and easement setbacks

REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT



ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY

We've been fortunate to engage with the Box Grove community and beyond on this project:

- Public Information Centre – February 28, 2022
- Launch and hold CLC Meeting #1 – May 26, 2022
- City of Markham Public Meeting – June 7, 2022
- Launch of project e-newsletter subscription – Summer 2022
- Post-card mailout – Fall 2022
- Release the "What We've Heard So Far" report – Fall 2022
- Year in Review e-newsletter – Winter 2022
- CLC Meeting #2 – February 23, 2023

We are excited to continue the conversation!

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Community members participated in the Public Information Centre

2k+

Households reached for project updates and CLC recruitment

10k+

Website visits since project launch

WHAT WE HEARD

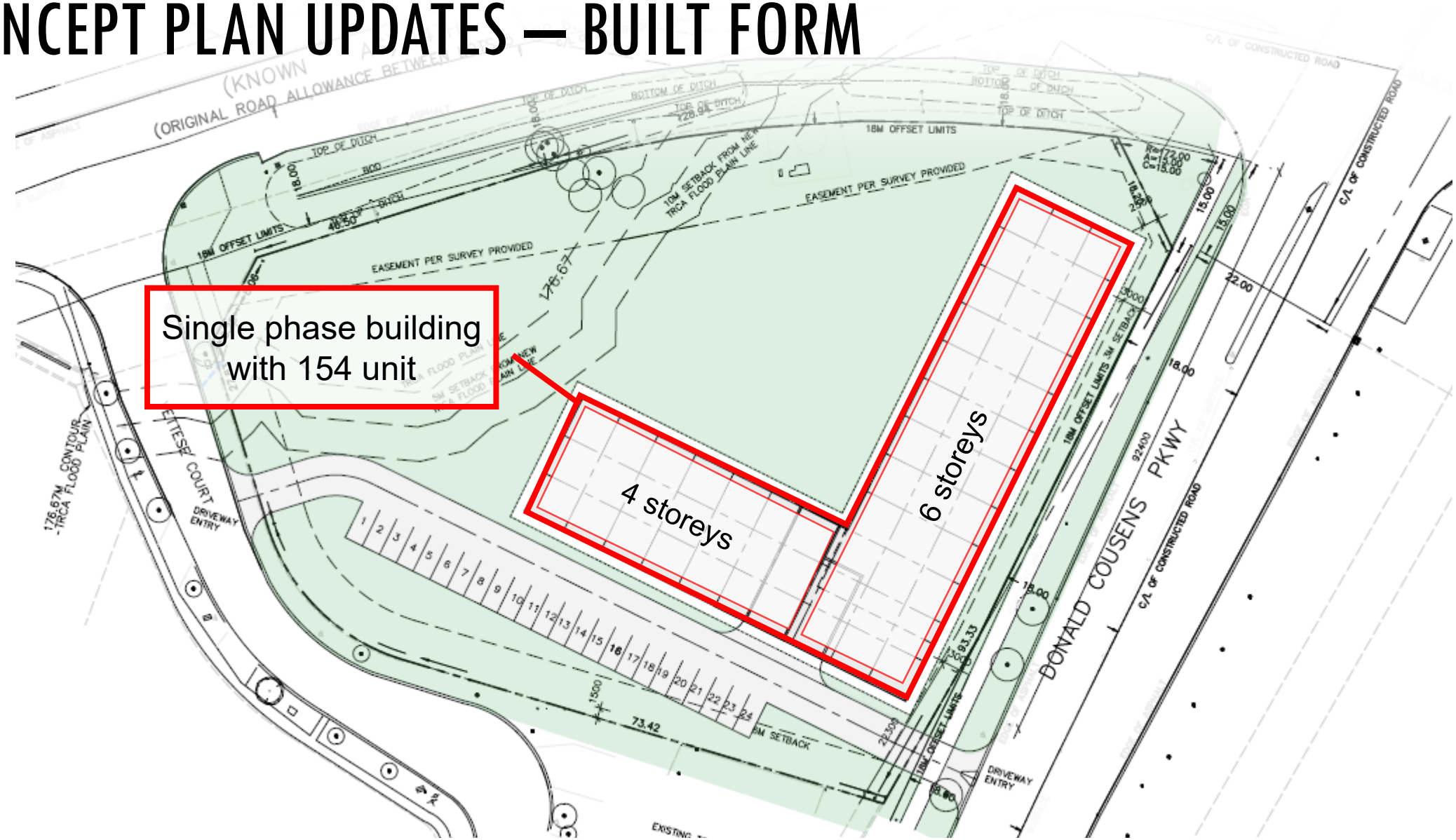
Questions and concerns:

- Recognition of the need for affordable housing options
- Shadow and wind impacts of proposed development
- Distance between the development and nearby neighbours
- Increased traffic on Vettese Court
- Increased demand on community services (e.g., transit, community services)
- Lack of connectivity to nearby services for new residents

CONCEPT PLAN UPDATES



CONCEPT PLAN UPDATES – BUILT FORM



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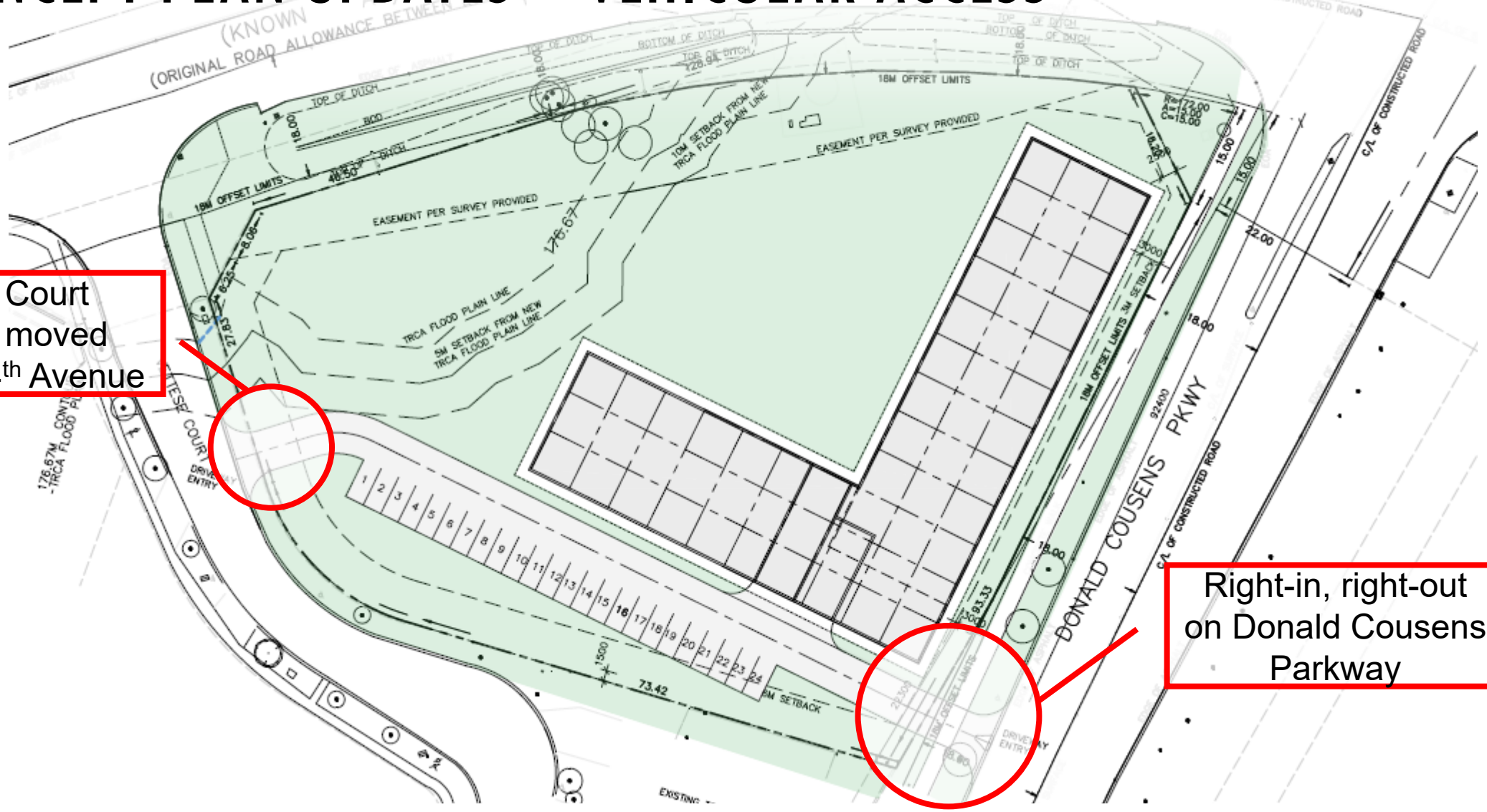
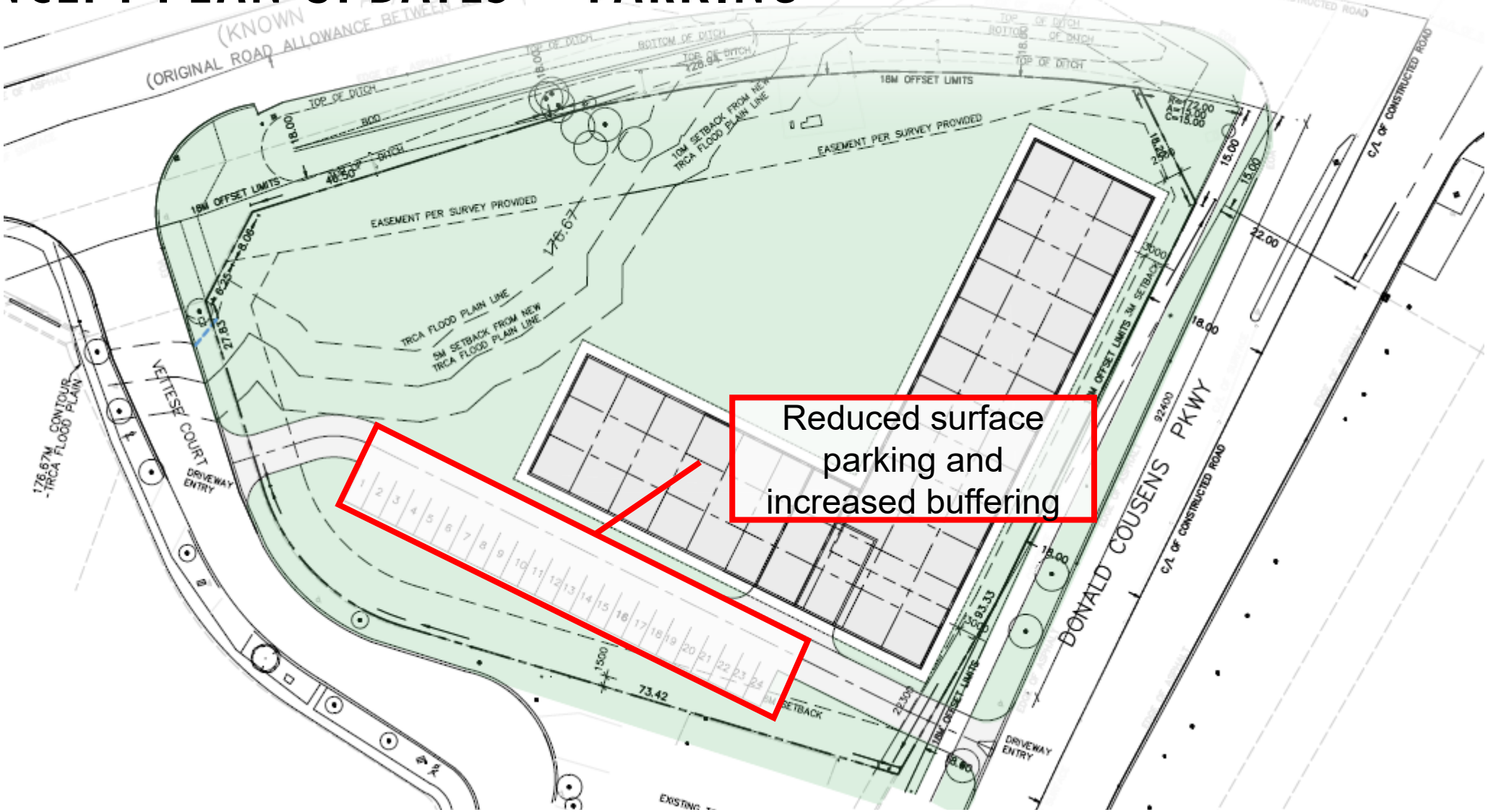


Vettese Court entrance moved closer to 14th Avenue

Right-in, right-out on Donald Cousens Parkway

CONCEPT PLAN UPDATES – PARKING



QUESTIONS AND CONVERSATION

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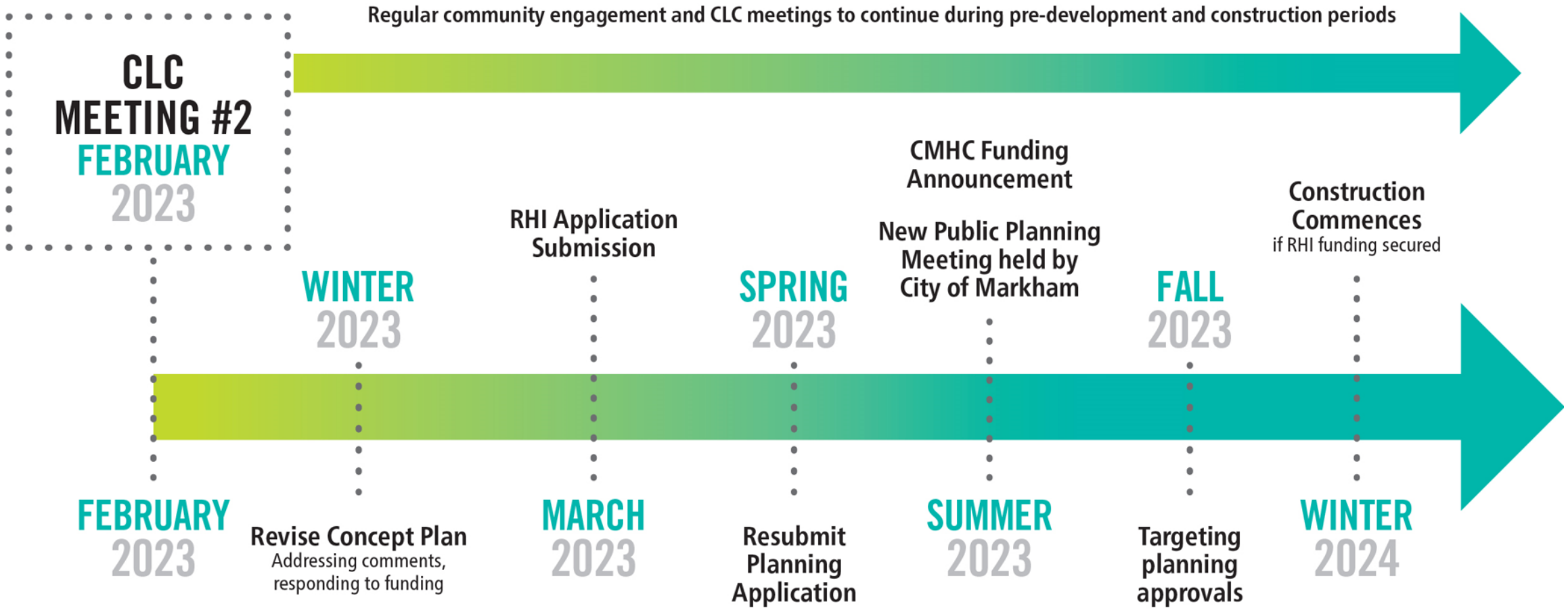

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POLLS

POLLING QUESTION #2

Would you like to have in-person or virtual meetings in future?

- Virtual
- In-person
- Alternate between in-person and virtual



POLLING QUESTION #3

Could we take a group photo of this committee at a future meeting to share in reports and other communications?

- Yes
- No
- Uncertain



STAY INVOLVED

- **Send comments or questions to:**

  Community Liaison
  HousingDevelopment@york.ca

- **Stay connected by visiting**:
  york.ca/BoxGroveHYI

  - Subscribe for project e-newsletter
  - Community Liaison Committee application
  - Project information and updates
  - Presentations
  - FAQs
  - Upcoming public engagement meetings

THANK YOU!

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