

NEW TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AT SUTTON YOUTH SERVICES (20898 DALTON ROAD)

Project Overview

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What?

- York Region recently built The Bridge, a new transitional housing development the existing Sutton Youth Services site located at 20898 Dalton Road, Town of Georgina, in the community of Sutton.
- Eight new transitional housing units, including six 1-bedroom and two 2-bedroom units, have been constructed within four low-rise, duplex style buildings that will provide independent living options for individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Thoughtful design has been incorporated to maximize the amount of natural light indoors to provide dignified and tranquil living spaces.
- The development also includes new outdoor amenity space for future clients, including individual porches as well as program space, which are set amongst a naturalized greenspace comprised of native plantings.
- The new units will be owned by the Region's housing company, Housing York Inc. (HYI), with client services provided by the Salvation Army.
- The new buildings will help bring community partners together to make a positive difference in the lives of some of York Region's most vulnerable residents.

Who?

- The Salvation Army, which currently operates client services at Sutton Youth Services, will provide supports as an emergency housing provider for the Region.
- The new units will provide supports for a range of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, including youth.
- Future clients will have access to similar wraparound supports currently offered on-site, including counselling, life skills programs, family reunification, referrals to community and medical supports, connections to employment, training and education programs, and assistance with housing searches.

Where?

- The new units are located on an existing HYI site in the Town of Georgina at 20898 Dalton Road (just south of the intersection of Dalton Road and Black River Road), with access to transit, places of employment, social and medical services, the Georgina Public Library and The Link Community Centre.

When?

- On-site construction commenced in September 2021 with the first clients anticipated to move in during summer 2023.
- These unique duplexes new housing units will add capacity to York Region's affordable housing supply and help some of our most vulnerable residents, including those at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness.

Why?

- The property is already owned by HYI and has supported emergency and transitional housing services for youth since 2006.
- The site at 20898 Dalton Road has sufficient land to accommodate the development of eight additional transitional housing units.
- The location is easily accessible by transit and is near other social and health care services, community centres and employment opportunities.
- The new transitional housing will provide more independent living options for youth while providing inclusive, diverse, and flexible supports.
- The current Sutton Youth Services shelter is the only youth-oriented emergency and housing facility located in the Town of Georgina and in the northern portion of York Region.
- Providing transitional housing options for youth in Georgina means that youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness can access the housing supports they need without having to leave their community to access appropriate services.

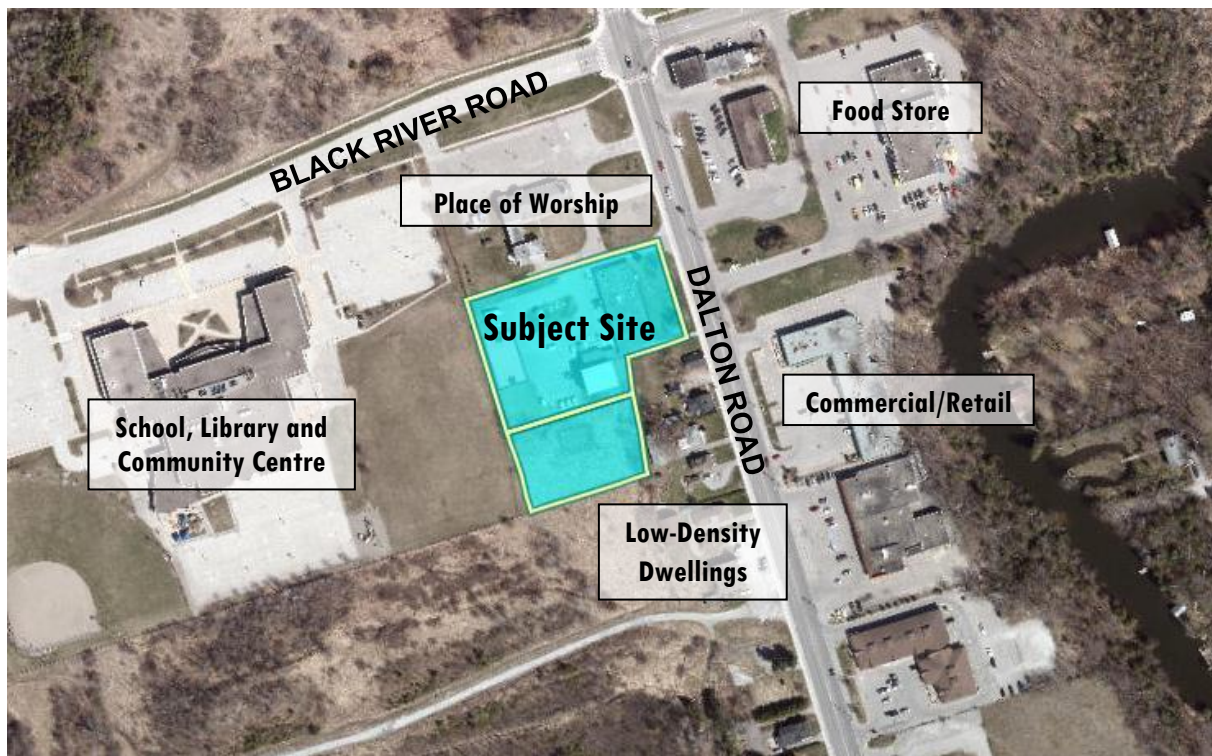
How?

- The new transitional units are funded by the Province of Ontario's Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) Phase 2 allocation.
- The SSRF was designed to ensure vulnerable people, including youth, have access to longer-term housing and to mitigate the ongoing risk of homelessness.
- A key objective of the Phase 2 allocation is to support Service Managers and Indigenous Program Administrators to create sustainable and affordable housing solutions, move towards client service models that are innovative, and support client and organizational readiness for potential future outbreaks or emergencies.
- A total of \$7.3 million has been allocated to construct and install new transitional housing across two sites in York Region: 20898 Dalton Road in the Town of Georgina and 18838 Highway 11 in the Town of East Gwillimbury.

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Site Context

- The site comprises 0.97 hectares (2.40 acres) and is situated in the Community of Sutton, south of Jackson's Point.
- The site is currently occupied by Sutton Youth Services, an emergency and transitional housing facility operated by the Salvation Army, which supports youth aged 16 to 26.
- Existing development on the Subject Lands consists of an "L" shaped building, which provides emergency beds and dormitory-style suites for transitional housing. The building also contains an administrative office and a gymnasium.
- The existing building was converted from its previous use as a school (initially built in 1976) in 2006. As a result, the building and surrounding space design and configuration do not lend themselves to the best client interaction and lacks open area common spaces.
- Due to the site's large size (2.4 acres), local planning permissions (institutional with support for intensification), and projected neighbourhood growth, the development of eight transitional housing units is a feasible and attractive option.
- The site is centrally located in the community of Sutton near the intersection of Dalton Road and Black River Road (see map below).
- The site is located close to a range of commercial and retail outlets to meet daily needs, employment opportunities and institutional services, including the Georgina Public Library and Community Pool and the Link Community Centre.



Approved Site Plan



New Units at The Bridge



Welcome Banner Prepared by Students at Saint Bernadette Catholic School



Suite Kitchen and Living Space



Chairman Emmerson, Mayor Hackson, Mayor Quirk, Mayor Taylor and Regional Councillor Davison at an opening event for The Bridge.

QUESTIONS?

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