

A YWCA St.Thomas-Elgin Proposed Development

BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SENIORS

Frequently Asked Questions



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BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH TRANSPARENCY AND COMMUNICATION

1. What type of housing is being proposed?

YWCA St. Thomas–Elgin is proposing a new affordable housing development for seniors at 53 Hiawatha–Scott Street in St. Thomas. The development is intended to provide safe, stable, and affordable homes for older adults in our community. We predict 40 to 49 units within a 3 and a half story building.

2. Who will live in the building?

The development is intended for seniors and a few young adults who are seeking affordable housing options. Residents may include individuals currently living in transitional housing, or experiencing housing insecurity.

3. Will the building be professionally managed?

Yes. YWCA St. Thomas–Elgin is committed to ensuring the property is professionally managed, well maintained, and operated in a way that supports both residents and the surrounding neighbourhood.

4. How will YWCA work with neighbours?

YWCA values community relationships and is committed to open communication throughout the development process. We welcome respectful dialogue, questions, and feedback from neighbours and community stakeholders.

5. Why is affordable housing for seniors & young adults needed in St. Thomas?

Like many communities across Ontario, St. Thomas is facing increasing housing pressures and a shortage of affordable housing options. Seniors living on fixed incomes and young adults starting independent living are both experiencing challenges finding safe, stable, and affordable homes. This development aims to help address that growing need while supporting people to remain connected to the community they call home.

6. Who is involved in the development of this project?

YWCA St. Thomas–Elgin is working with experienced local partners to help guide the planning and construction of this development. StudioDyer is serving as the project architect, leading the building design process, and Doug Tarry Homes will serve as the general contractor, overseeing construction and project delivery. Both organizations bring extensive experience in thoughtful community development and quality residential construction.

7. What parking will be available for residents and guests?

The development is being designed with on-site parking to help accommodate both residents and visitors on Hiawatha Street and Scott Street. Parking considerations are an important part of the planning process, and YWCA is committed to working with project partners and the City to ensure the site is functional, safe, and respectful of the surrounding neighbourhood.

Moving Forward Together

YWCA St. Thomas–Elgin believes strong communities are built when people work together. We are excited about the opportunity to create affordable housing that supports seniors, strengthens the neighbourhood, and contributes positively to the future of St. Thomas.

**Thank you for taking the time to
learn more about this proposed
development.**

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