



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

HS-23-01

To: Chair and Members of the Social Services Committee
From: Mark Poste, Director of Housing
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2023
Subject: **2023 Supportive Housing Projects Overview**

Background:

This report is to provide an overview of three adult supportive and transitional housing projects that will help fill a critical gap in our adult housing stability system within our community's housing continuum. The projects align with community priorities and the Housing Services 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan and are scheduled to open in 2023.

Three projects, all located in the City of Guelph, will provide a total 92 units for adults experiencing homelessness and are in need of a place to call home. Namely, Grace Garden Supportive Housing project (32 units), the Kindle Communities Supportive Housing project (32 units) and the 65 Delhi Transitional Housing with Supports project (28 units).

Transitional Housing with Supports:

Transitional housing with supports refers to an intermediate temporary step between emergency crisis shelter and permanent housing. It provides individuals with a safe place to stay as they engage in individualized support services such as securing identification information; connecting to primary health care; housing searches and completing applications; accessing social services supports and connecting with mental health and/or addictions support services. Stays in a transitional housing facility are time limited, but typically range from 3 months to 3-years in length before transitioning to a permanent housing solution.

Permanent Supportive Housing:

Supportive housing refers to units that combine rental assistance (i.e., rent subsidy) with individualized support services for people with high needs related to physical or mental health, developmental disabilities or substance use. Supportive housing units can be scattered across different housing provider locations or can be purpose-built housing. These units are considered permanent under the Residential Tenancies Act.

Projects Overview:

Item	Grace Gardens	Kindle Communities	65 Delhi
Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent Supportive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent Supportive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transitional
Cost and Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$9,400,000 • 1151 m² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10,118,000 • 1930 m² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$7,600,000 • 1627m²
Construction Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retrofit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Construction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical Retrofit and New Build Addition
Unit Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 32 Bachelor units (Range from 17-22m²) • Units have full washroom and kitchenette 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 32 Bachelor units (Range from 21-29m²) • Units have full washroom and kitchenette 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 Bachelor units (Range from 9-17m²) • No kitchenette and washrooms in unit
Communal Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Communal bathrooms (4-6m²) • Full kitchen (13 m²) • Laundry Area (11m²) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communal Bathroom (7m²) • Full kitchen (21m²) • Laundry Area (9m²) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Communal Bathrooms (13 m² each) • 3 Full Kitchens (30m² each) • Laundry Area (18m²) • Lobby (12m²)
Programme Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Area (65m²) • 2 Meeting Rooms (8-9m²) • 2 Generic Rooms (8m² each) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Area (99m²) • Resident Lounge (16m²) • Multi-Faith Room (16m²) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Common Rooms/Lounges (15m² each) • 2 Programme Areas (72m² each)
Storage Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storage Area (6m²) • Vestibule (7m²) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Storage Areas (14m² each) • Bike Storage (22m²) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Storage Areas (3-7m²) • Large Storage Area (18m²) • Multi-purpose Storage/Scooter Area (18m²)
Staffing Area	Each of the three buildings will consist of administrative space for property management and support staff.		

These three projects will have a measurable impact on our community's drive to end chronic homelessness and make sure that everyone in our community can find and maintain an appropriate, safe and affordable place to call home.

Recommendation:

That the 2023 Supportive Housing Projects Overview report be received for information.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Poste, Director of Housing