

Unionville Home Society Campus Redevelopment Frequently Asked Questions

Q.1: Will the Heritage Village Community Centre be replaced?

A.1: The Heritage Village Community Centre will be replaced. Unionville Home Society (UHS) has confirmed with the province that there will be a community centre. A temporary centre, should the existing one need to close during construction, will be part of the transition plan too. The seniors' meeting place has always been an important feature on the UHS campus. A Centre may be located in the new complex or within a UHS building. The location of a Centre is under consideration. Many tenants have requested it be placed within a UHS building and not a separate walk away which is problematic during harsh winter conditions.

Q.2: Will there be a recreation centre in the new building?

A.2: A recreation centre is under consideration; however, it has not been determined if it would be located in the new York Region rental unit complex.

Q.3: Where will the new community centre be situated?

A.3: That is yet to be determined.

Q.4: Are there provisions for a social space in the new building?

A.4: That is part of the plan.

Q.5: Will there be any additional amenities added to the site?

A.5: Social space, a recreation centre and a community centre are all being considered as important amenities. Beyond that, additional amenities are yet to be determined.

Q.6: Will the site be fully integrated with the UHS community?

A.6: The residential homes developed by Minto Communities on the Heritage Site will be located adjacent to the York Region rental apartment building with links to transit and services that create a sense of community.

Q.7: How many floors will the York Region building be?

A.7: That is yet to be determined.

Q.8: Will the York Region building be affordable / geared to income?

A.8: There will be a mix of units that include affordable and geared to income units.

Q.9: Will Minto Communities be developing the York Region building?

A.9: Through 2016, the Region will work to secure a contractor who will lead the planning, design and construction of the new building. We should know who the design/builder is before the end of 2016.

Q.10: Will the Minto Communities homes be built for sale or rent?

A.10: The residential units will be for sale.

Q.11: Will the Minto Communities units be for sale to seniors only?

A.11: Minto Communities' intends to market the homes to a broader market segment not necessarily restricted to seniors.

Q.12: How will access and traffic issues be managed? Note: There is another development by Tribute Communities in the neighbourhood.

A.12: We will work with the City of Markham to coordinate and manage access and construction issues.

Q.13: How will a larger driveway off highway 7 and plans for an underground tunnel impact the land at the entrance to the campus?

A.13: We will work with both regional and City of Markham engineering staff to ensure the most appropriate treatment for any underpass and driveway is applied.

Q.14: How will noise be mitigated from an expanded train schedule due to additional GO Transit plans?

A.14: We work with the City of Markham on this topic which will be subject to noise studies and the ultimate plan for Go Transit.

Q.15: How much green space will be preserved from the treed area north of Wyndham Gardens to the parkette that's currently located between the community centre and bungalows?

A.15: Green space is a priority consideration for the campus redevelopment. The treed area north of Wyndham Gardens is not expected to be affected; however, the current parkette and best ways to integrate a green space plan into the design have been examined through the design charrette process and will continue to be considered.

Q.16: Will information be available in languages other than English?

A.16: Yes. That's a good idea.