

York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee

Affordable Housing on Main Street, Whitchurch-Stouffville

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OVERVIEW

1. How is the Region involved in Housing?
2. How we Build
3. Stouffville Development Proposal
4. Planning and Improving HYI Housing
5. Feedback and Discussion

The ask: Solicit feedback for the next build

BENEFITS: HOW IS THE REGION INVOLVED IN HOUSING?

Service Manager



Landlord



Builder



BENEFITS: FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES FOR HOW WE BUILD

Housing York Inc. focuses on building inclusive and healthy communities through:

Good Livable Design



Community Collaboration



Long Term Thinking



BENEFITS: GOVERNING POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

- The Ontario Building Code
- Housing Services Act
- Applicable York Region accessibility policies
- Regional and Local planning policies and by-laws
- HYI Design Guidelines
- Resident Inclusion Plan



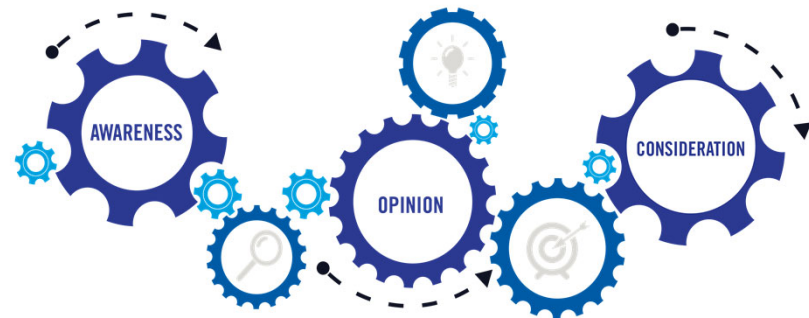
Recently Built: Woodbridge Lane in Woodbridge



Recently Built: Richmond Hill Hub in Richmond Hill

BENEFITS: HOW WE CONSULT WITH THE PUBLIC

- Public Information Centres
- Community Liaison Committee
- Current HYI Resident Feedback
- Community Groups
- YRAAC
- Updates to local Council



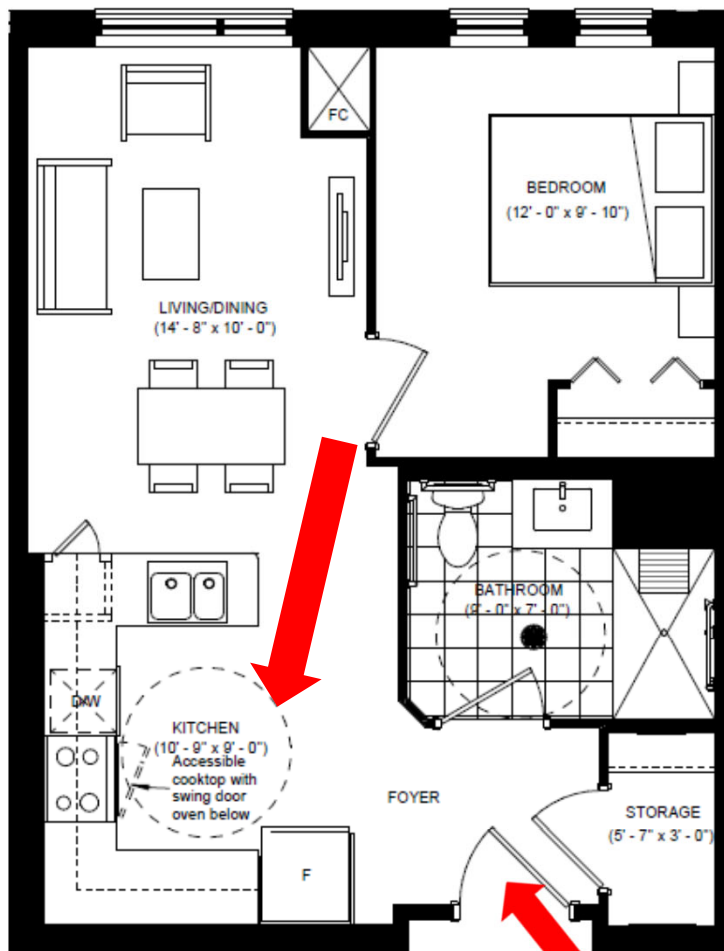
ACCESSIBILITY ELEMENTS: BARRIER FREE VERSUS MODIFIED UNITS

Barrier Free

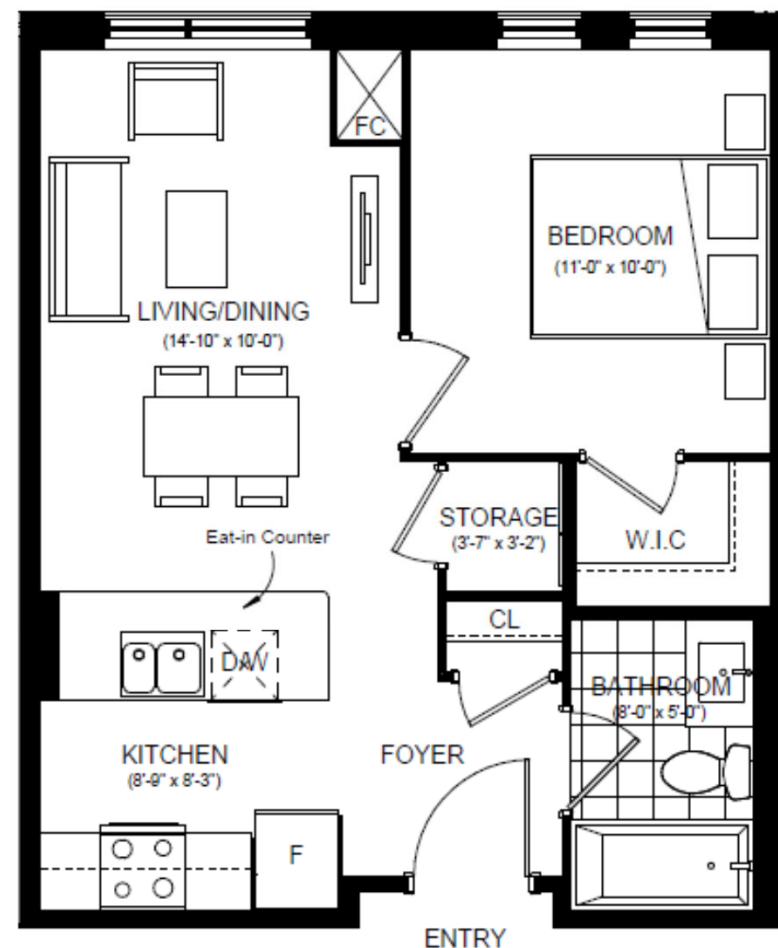
- A unit designed without physical constraints that would not permit future accessibility modifications
- Required by the Ontario Building Code for multi-residential buildings; 15% minimum
- At HYI, these units feature a full turning radius throughout the unit, larger room door widths, a roll-in shower, grab bars, and outlets at waist height

Modified

- Designed specifically to meet resident needs
- Not required under the Ontario Building Code
- Examples at HYI include roll under counters, additional grab rails in washrooms and hallways, considerations for medical supplies



Barrier free unit



Standard unit

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER: DISCUSSION POINTS

What aspects make a home more user friendly?

How do we build to be more inclusive?

What are some good examples of accessible design for us to consider in a new housing project?



NEXT STEPS: STOUFFVILLE MAIN STREET

- 5676 Main Street, Whitchurch-Stouffville
- 3.7 acres
- Existing buildings to be demolished
- Approximately 100 units to be built
- Centrally located near schools, libraries, shops, parks, regional transit, health services, job opportunities



WHAT THE BUILDING MAY LOOK LIKE



Rendering depicts the front view of the building. A modern, contemporary design with brown, grey and white façade.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT



Rendering shows the back of the 'L' shaped building with a large accessible parking lot.

WHAT THE INTERIOR MAY LOOK LIKE



Kids bedroom



Open concept kitchen



Accessible Program Space, located on every floor of Woodbridge Lane



'Laundry Room' is written in braille beneath the text



Accessible shower

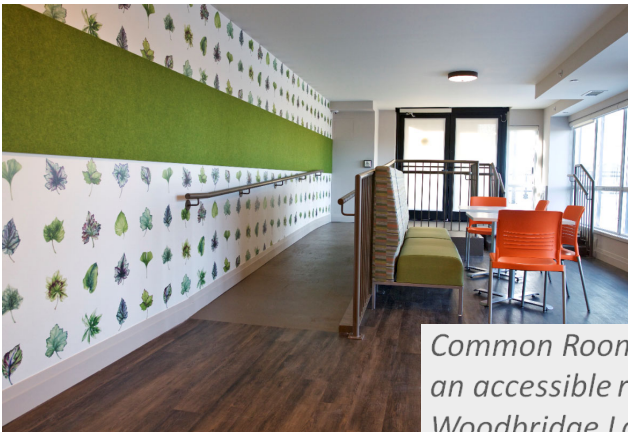
WHAT THE INTERIOR MAY LOOK LIKE



Common room located on the 1st floor in Woodbridge Lane



The image shows the open concept lobby of the Richmond Hill Hub with large couches surrounding a fire place.



Common Room with an accessible ramp in Woodbridge Lane



The image shows a barrier free kitchen in one of the units at the Richmond Hill Hub.

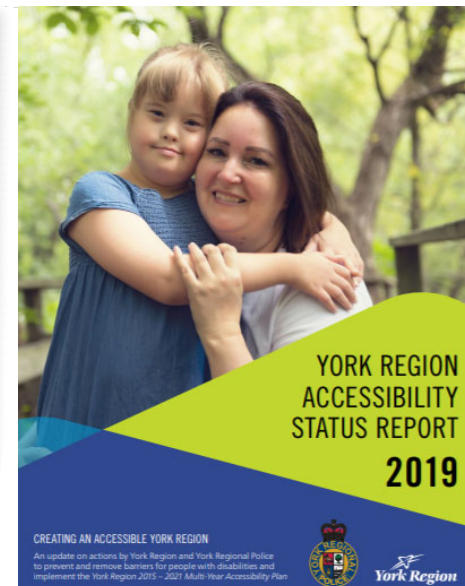
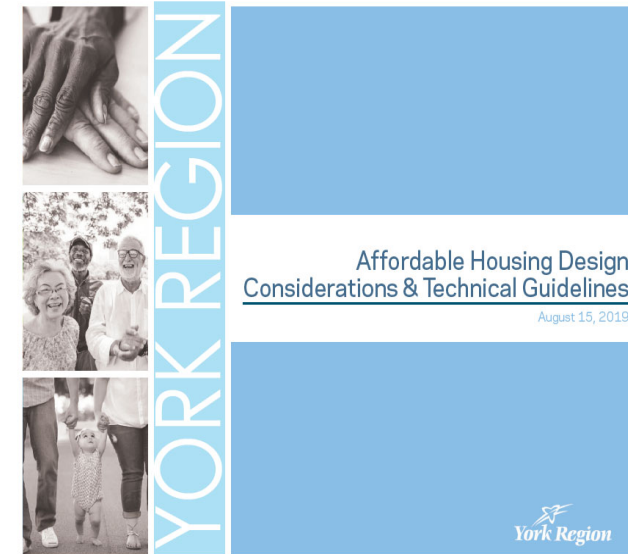
THINGS WE NEED TO CONSIDER AS WE CONTINUE TO PLAN

- Design new buildings to meet or exceed provincial accessibility standards and retrofitting older buildings as required
- Continue to develop new policies that identify and avoid barriers to inclusion
- Develop buildings that are designed to fit into the fabric of the community and create positive opportunities for residents to interact
- Continue to serve HYI residents through community partnerships and agencies to deliver programs and services that are important to residents



ALWAYS IMPROVING

- Updating our design guidelines and principles document
- Implementing the vision of the Resident Inclusion Plan
- Opportunity to consult with YRAAC



FEEDBACK & DISCUSSION

- How can we expand our consultation process to include everyone in the community?
- What are some things we could be doing differently?
- How can we improve user experience?
- What aspects make a home more user friendly?
- How do we build to be more inclusive?
- What are some good examples of accessible design?



THANK YOU

