

HYI Board of Directors Meeting
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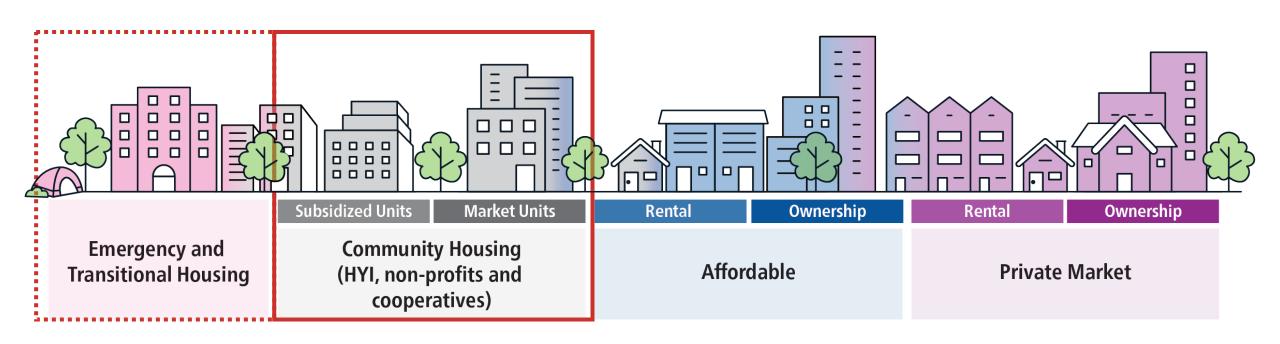


#### OUTLINE

- 1. Background and context:
  - HYI's role in the housing system
  - 2021 to 2024 HYI Strategic Plan Results
- 2. Approach to developing the 2025 to 2028 HYI Strategic Plan and overview of resident and asset management needs
- 3. Proposed 2025 to 2028 HYI Proposed Strategic Plan

#### HOUSING YORK INC. IN THE HOUSING SYSTEM

HYI is one of 43 community housing operators in York Region, delivering essential subsidized and market rental housing options for households with low and moderate incomes.



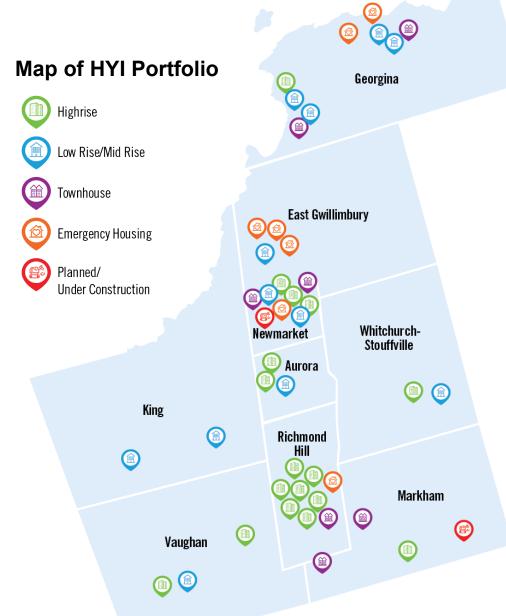
#### HOUSING YORK INC.

#### **HYI Communities:**

- Largest community housing operator in York Region
- Provides housing to over 4,500 residents in 3,124 units in all nine local municipalities
- Welcomed 158 new households in 2024
- Approximately 78% of units are subsidized

#### **HYI Role:**

- Manages building operations and repairs, ensures properties are well-maintained and financially sustainable
- Supports successful tenancies and resident engagement
- Provides operations and maintenance services to support safe, high-quality emergency and transitional housing



#### ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



Regional Council
Service Manager

Shareholder Owns HYI

Committee of the Whole

Housing and Homelessness Committee

- 10-year housing and homelessness plan
- Enabling new supply across system
- Non-profit development



- Working with Region on HYI development
- Setting HYI's strategic direction
- Oversight of HYI business, budget, financials with focus on operations, asset management, tenant relations and supports

#### 2021 TO 2024 HYI STRATEGIC PLAN RESULTS



- Regional development enabled HYI to exceed target to double rate of growth
- Began operating or managing three new properties under this plan:
  - Unionville Commons
  - The Bridge
  - Passage House



- Accessibility audits completed for all properties
- Exceeded target to preserve tenancies atrisk due to rent arrears
- Exceeded target for new and sustained partnerships and programming



- Exceeded target for GHG reductions from energy enhancements
- Exceeded target for resident satisfaction with maintenance services
- Exceeded financial targets for Mosaic due to Federal/Provincial funding secured

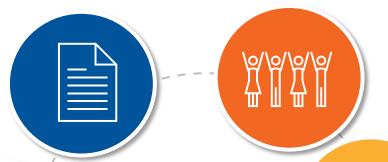


# DEVELOPING THE 2025 TO 2028 HOUSING YORK INC. STRATEGIC PLAN AND RESIDENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT NEEDS

#### INFORMING THE 2025 TO 2028 HYI STRATEGIC PLAN

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN**

Mission/vision, cross-jurisdictional scan and analysis of HYI's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats



#### RESIDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Review of resident needs through HYI data and demographics

#### HYI BOARD WORKSHOP

Strategic planning session to inform priorities, objectives, and actions



#### **COMMUNITY AGENCY FOCUS GROUP**

Focus group discussions with HYI staff and community agencies



### ALIGNMENT WITH EXISTING PLANS AND COMMITMENTS

Alignment with supply actions presented to Committee of the Whole in October 2024



2024 Resident Survey of 839 households (30% response rate)

6 focus group sessions with 50 attendees

HOUSING SERVICES STAFF ENGAGEMENT

Staff survey and working group

#### WHAT WE HEARD: KEY THEMES

- Increasing HYI's portfolio continues to be a top priority, with a focus on building and strengthening partnerships with private sector and local municipalities and continuing to leverage innovative construction techniques
- Sustaining existing stock and maintaining a good state of repair is critical. Redevelopment options should be explored for buildings reaching the end of their useful life
- Residents indicated that programs related to recreation, community safety, physical health and food security were of interest. The Board also recognizes residents' needs are becoming more complex, and new solutions are needed to support them.
- The Board and HYI staff identified the need to digitize internal processes to improve efficiency, enhance the resident experience, and increase awareness of programs and services available to residents.





The 2025 to 2028 HYI Strategic Plan builds on existing priorities and actions of the previous plan in alignment with consultation findings

#### HYI PORTFOLIO

#### **COMMUNITY HOUSING**

38

Number of apartment and townhouse rental properties owned by HYI (3,124 units)

# EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

7

Number of emergency and transitional housing facilities owned by HYI

#### REPLACEMENT VALUE

\$1.53B

Cost of replacing HYI's portfolio (2024)

#### **AGE**

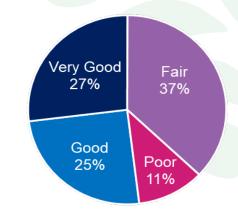
**30.6 years** 

Average age of HYI portfolio (2024)

#### **FACILITY CONDITION INDEX**

Good

Overall FCI of HYI properties (2024)



#### **CAPITAL INVESTMENTS**

\$12.6M

Invested in capital repair and replacement projects (2024)

Sources: HYI Portfolio Data

#### CHALLENGES: HOUSING PEOPLE WITH COMPLEX NEEDS









#### PROPOSED 2025 TO 2028 HOUSING YORK INC. STRATEGIC PLAN

#### PROPOSED 2025 TO 2028 HYI STRATEGIC PLAN

#### What we're already doing:



#### **Increased HYI's portfolio**

- Planning to receive and operate new developments once completed by the Region
- Influencing progressive building techniques and forms of contract



#### Maintained good state of repair

- Prioritizing sustainability, energy efficiency and modernization
- Informing the Region's advocacy to senior levels of government on funding needed for capital repairs and new developments



#### Supported residents' needs

- Ensuring residents are connected to a broad range of programs and services, and working with local municipalities to raise awareness of programs
- Working with community agencies to deliver services and meaningful support to residents and expanding support to individuals and families with vulnerable and complex tenancies



# Implemented efficiencies and continuous improvement

- Implementing digitized notices for timely and relevant resident communications
- Upgrading and improving HYI's property management system
- Continuing to work in partnership with the Region to leverage innovative construction techniques

#### PROPOSED 2025 TO 2028 HYI STRATEGIC PLAN

#### Where we want to be after four years:



#### Increased HYI's portfolio

- Managed move-ins for Mosaic House, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville (97 units)
- Received 62 Bayview Parkway, Town of Newmarket and Box Grove, City of Markham for operation (400 units)
- Worked with the Region to inform new developments



#### Maintained good state of repair

- Portfolio Management Plan completed that considers asset management and redevelopment potential
- Improved condition of HYI buildings
- More integrated accessibility features to support residents' changing needs



#### Supported residents' needs

- Increased awareness of services
- New partnerships for supports that are important to residents
- Reduced wait times for social work services



# Implemented efficiencies and continuous improvement

- Improved resident experience through operational efficiencies
- Realigned resources through technology enhancements
- 2026-2030 Energy and Utilities Management Plan completed and decarbonization roadmap established

#### PROPOSED 2025 TO 2028 HYI STRATEGIC PLAN



- Plan effectively to enable portfolio growth and asset management
- Collaborate with the Region to expand HYI portfolio
- Sustain existing HYI portfolio



#### **PRIORITY 2:**

**Encourage Resilient Communities and Successful Tenancies** 

- Encourage resident well-being, promote healthy living, and help residents thrive in their community
- Advance resilient communities where residents feel a sense of belonging, inclusivity, and safety
- Build capacity to support complex and vulnerable tenancies



# PRIORITY 3: Drive Innovation and Continuous Improvement

- Improve resident experience and support operational efficiencies through data and technology
- Implement climate change and energy conservation measures to enhance resilience of HYI buildings

#### PRIORITY 1: SUSTAIN AND INCREASE HYI'S PORTFOLIO

#### **Examples of Actions**

#### **Examples of KPIs and Targets**

#### 1.1 Plan effectively to enable portfolio growth and asset management

- Collaborate with Region to:
  - Review and update HYI development model and design standards
  - Develop financial strategy for new HYI projects (including acquisitions)
  - Update pipeline list, including new projects and redevelopment
  - Influence progressive building techniques and forms of contract, considering operational and asset management needs

- % new community housing, emergency and transitional housing projects in the Region's pipeline advanced for inclusion in HYI's portfolio (85%)<sup>1</sup>
- % buildings planned for redevelopment/divestiture with comprehensive asset management plans (100%)<sup>1</sup>

#### 1.2 Support Region to expand HYI Portfolio

- Support Region's planning and development efforts to:
  - Advance HYI units in planning and development ready for construction
  - Complete construction of new HYI development(s)
  - Advance new/replacement emergency & transitional housing projects
- # community housing units turned over to HYI
   (Minimum 400 completed over 4 years)
- # new emergency & transitional facilities turned over to HYI (2)

#### 1.3 Sustain existing HYI portfolio

- Prepare long-term capital reserve fund studies and capital plans
- Deliver capital renewal projects to improve building condition
- Integrate and expand accessibility features in projects

- Condition grade for HYI portfolio (FCI <5%)<sup>2</sup>
- Minimum % planned preventative maintenance spend (60%) vs. responsive (40%)

#### PRIORITY 2: ENCOURAGE RESILIENT COMMUNITIES AND SUCCESSFUL TENANCIES

#### **Examples of Actions**

#### **Examples of KPIs and Targets**

#### 2.1 Encourage resident well-being to help residents thrive

- Deliver meaningful supports to residents through internal collaborations and partnerships with community agencies
- Partner with local municipalities to connect residents to programs, and raise awareness
- # new and sustained partnerships with community agencies (10)
- % program participants that will use information learned (80%)

#### 2.2 Advance resilient communities (residents feel sense of belonging, inclusivity and safety)

- Strengthen community resilience through internal partnerships and partnerships with community agencies to enhance community safety, build sense of belonging, advance diversity and inclusion initiatives
- Pilot preventative safety outreach program

- # collaborations with local municipalities that build awareness of programs (9)
- % safety outreach program participants that feel safer and supported in their community (80%)

#### 2.3 Build capacity to support complex and vulnerable tenancies

- Conduct needs assessment and review best practices
- Expand supports for individuals and families with complex needs
- Review future staffing and resource needs to advance culture of care
- Identify opportunities and implement tools early in tenancy management process to mitigate financial evictions
- Average wait time for Social Worker or Family Support Worker (45 days)
- Total value of tenant arrears mitigated (Arrears under 1.5% of rent revenue AND less than 10% of households)

#### PRIORITY 3: DRIVE INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

#### **Examples of Actions**

#### **Examples of KPIs and Targets**

#### 3.1 Improve resident experience and support operational efficiencies through data and technology

- Develop and execute implementation plan for property and asset management software
- Continue to implement technology for timely and relevant resident communications
- Implement CCTV and remote access control

- Maintain or exceed resident satisfaction rates (72%)
- Response times for resident maintenance requests (95% completed within 5 business days)

#### 3.2 Implement climate change and energy conservation measures to enhance resilience of HYI buildings<sup>1</sup>

- Develop 2026-2030 Energy and Utilities Management Plan (EUMP)
- Implement approved climate change and energy conservation measures
- Maximize available incentive and grant programs offered by senior governments and provincial energy providers to offset capital investments
- Measure and verify GHG reduction on an annual basis relative to the plan
- Federal/Provincial capital funding for initiatives
   (Pursue relevant funding for eligible projects)
- # properties that received climate change and energy conservation upgrades (Target to be based on EUMP)
- Reduce annual GHG emissions (Target to be based on EUMP)

#### BUDGET ALLOCATES RESOURCES TO STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES

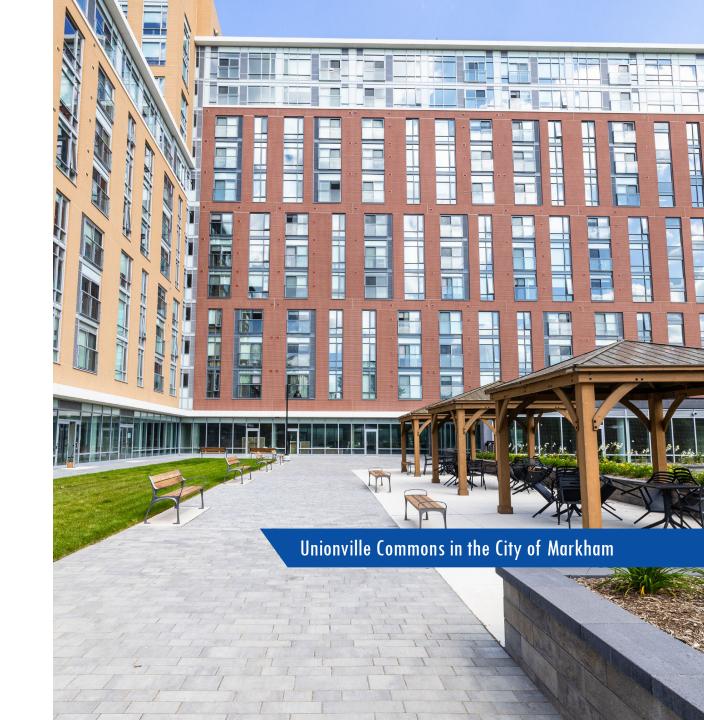
**Annual Business Plans and Budgets operationalize each year of the Strategic Plan:** 

- 2025 actions managed through existing resources based on 2025 Business Plan and Budget
- Financial implications to be considered through annual budget process, starting in 2026
- Expanding HYI portfolio requires capital investment from Region and senior governments
- Staffing to support implementation dependent on Region



#### **SUMMARY**

It is recommended the Board of Directors approve the proposed 2025 to 2028 Housing York Inc. Strategic Plan



# QUESTIONS? For more information:

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