

Public Consultation Summary

120 Wentworth Street North, Hamilton, Ontario

January 2025

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Introduction

Flourish Affordable Housing Communities ("Flourish"), a social purpose real estate development services company, has been retained by Indwell Community Homes ("Indwell") to manage the development of 120 Wentworth Street North, Hamilton. Flourish has coordinated public consultation activities and prepared this Public Consultation Summary report in support of Indwell's Zoning By-law Amendment Application.

Summary of Public Consultation Activities

Early Engagement Activities

Since purchasing the property in May 2021, Indwell has participated in a variety of community engagement activities and shared earlier iterations of the development proposal. These activities include:

Doors Open Hamilton event (May 7, 2022)

Guided tours of the existing building for members of the public. Slide show in church hall summarizing development proposal. Approximately 120 people in attendance.

Meeting with Gibson Landsdale Community Planning Team (February 4, 2023)

Attended by Brenda Duke (Volunteer, GALA), Teresa Howe (Community Engagement Manager, Indwell), Rachel Courey (Regional Program Manager, Indwell), and Ashlynn Hill (Program Manager, Indwell).

Community Meeting (February 15, 2023)

Hosted at Wentworth Baptist Church. Advertised in GALA Herald newspaper. Approximately 15 people in attendance.

Coldest Night of the Year event (February 26, 2022, February 25, 2023, February 24, 2024)

Indwell had representation at this annual event on Barton Street East, sharing information about the Wentworth Street North development proposal.

Summer 2024 Stakeholder Engagement

Meetings were organized with key stakeholders in the summer of 2024 to review the updated development proposal in detail, gather feedback, answer questions, and solicit input for the best methods of engaging the community at large.

Meetings with Wentworth Baptist Church (March 10, 2024, August 22, 2024) Attended by Graham Cubitt (President, Flourish), Emily Power (Development Manager, Flourish), Rev. Dr. Seán McGuire (Lead Pastor, WBC), steering committee and congregation.

Meeting with Ward Councillor (July 29, 2024)

Attended by Cllr. Nrinder Nann, Graham Cubitt (Flourish), and Emily Power (Flourish).

Meeting with Barton Village BIA (August 13, 2024)

Attended by Nadine Ubl (Executive Director, Barton Village BIA) and Emily Power (Flourish).

Meeting with Gibson Landsdale Community Planning Team (August 22, 2024) *Attended by Brenda Duke (Volunteer, GALA) and Emily Power (Flourish).*

August 2024 Community Meeting

Indwell hosted a Community Meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the existing building at Wentworth Baptist Church (120 Wentworth Street North, Hamilton).

The following stakeholders were present at the meeting, available to speak with members of the public:

- Rev. Dr. Seán McGuire, Lead Pastor, Wentworth Baptist Church
- Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- Staff from Indwell, the owner/operator of the housing development
 - Ashlynn Hill, Program Manager
 - o Teresa Howe, Community Engagement Manager
- Staff from Flourish, development manager
 - Graham Cubitt, President
 - Sylvia Harris, Development Manager
 - Emily Power, Development Manager
 - Joseph Battaglia, Project Manager
- Staff from Invizij, project architect
 - o Emma Cubitt, Principal
 - Kyle Benassi, Intermediate Architectural Designer
- Staff from Landwise, planning consultant
 - Katelyn Gillis, Senior Planner

Invitational flyers were circulated to approximately 250 households living within 120 metres or a two block radius of the site. Invitations were delivered two weeks prior to the event by Flourish and Indwell staff. Staff personally invited residents to attend the event and answered questions about the development through one-on-one conversations when door-knocking. Refer to Appendix A for a copy of the invitation and circulation area. In addition, an advertisement was placed in the August edition of the *GALA Herald*, a local newspaper with distribution to 6,000 households in the Gibson and Landsdale neighbourhoods. Refer to Appendix A for a copy of the advertisement. Finally, Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann advertised the event through her email newsletter and social

media accounts. The Gibson and Landsdale neighbourhoods are among the poorest in the city, with a large number of low-income residents, racialized and Indigenous residents, persons with disabilities, renter households, immigrant households, and single-parent households, as illustrated by the Hamilton Spectator's Code Red reports and the City of Hamilton's Ward 3 Profile. The community meeting was advertised throughout the Gibson and Landsdale neighbourhoods, beyond the recommended 120m circulation area and to both owner and renter households. Indwell and Wentworth Baptist Church have been active in the neighbourhood for many years, connecting with residents and sharing information about the development at community events, Sunday services, and weekly food servings.

Large-format presentation boards were displayed around the room for attendees to review the plans in more detail. This included the proposed site plan, ground floor plan, residential floor plan, and conceptual renderings.

The open house consisted of introductory remarks from Pastor Seán McGuire and Councillor Nrinder Nann, followed by a presentation on the development proposal by Graham Cubitt, President of Flourish and a presentation on the housing program by Ashlynn Hill, Program Manager at Indwell, ending with a question and answer period with the audience lasting approximately 30 minutes. Refer to Appendix D for a copy of the presentation slide deck.

Comment sheets and Flourish's contact information were provided at the sign-in desk in order for attendees to submit written feedback, either on the spot or at a later date. Participants were asked to submit comments by September 11, 2024, within two weeks of the community meeting. Refer to Appendix B for a copy of the comment form. No completed forms were received.

39 people attended the open house. Refer to Appendix C for the list of attendees who completed the sign-in sheet.

Comment Response

Table 1 summarizes the public feedback received to date and how the proposal addresses the feedback.

Table 1: Public Feedback and Response

Concern	Response
<u>Height</u>	The height of the proposed apartment building has been
 Shadows on 	decreased from previous iterations of the design, from 6
Huntley Street	storeys to 4 storeys. The apartment building has been
properties	designed to minimize privacy and overlook concerns
	respecting the residential neighbours immediately north of the

•	Overlook on
	Huntley Street
	properties

site. Unit floorplans are oriented with windows facing east and west. A communal rooftop terrace is proposed on the second level, rather than individual balconies for each unit. Refer to the Urban Design Report prepared by Landwise and Invizij for full details.

Traffic and Parking

- Sufficiency of parking spaces
- Waste collection

14 parking spaces are proposed to meet the needs of the development, including 3 accessible spaces and 4 visitor spaces. Long-term, secure parking for bicycles and mobility scooters is provided indoors. A lay-by waste collection and loading area will be accessed from Huntley Street.

The Traffic Impact Brief prepared by Paradigm Transportation Solutions Ltd. concludes the proposed development can be supported from a transportation operations perspective. Few, if any, tenants in the housing program are expected to own cars. Proxy data collected in December 2024 from comparable Indwell programs indicate an average vehicle ownership rate and parking demand of 0.01 spaces per unit. The majority of Indwell tenants are low-income and rely on walking, cycling, mobility scooters, or public transit. It is expected the parking spaces will primarily be used by Indwell staff or visitors. Refer to the Traffic Impact Brief for full details.

<u>Heritage</u>

 Proposed methods for salvage and adaptive reuse Indwell has a strong track record of adaptive reuse of heritage buildings, including places of worship (e.g. St. Marks Place, Kitchener; Magnolia Apartments, Kitchener). In this case, Indwell plans to preserve and renovate the Wentworth Baptist Church sanctuary as tenant amenity space, congregation use, and community use. The buildings on the eastern portion of the site (18709s stone house and 1928 Sunday school addition) are proposed to be demolished to accommodate the new 50-unit apartment building. Indwell will be preparing a Demolition Plan and Salvage & Commemorative Plan on the recommendation of heritage consultant Hobson Built Heritage. The Demolition Plan will include protective measures for the 1924 sanctuary that is being retained, such as foundation shoring, vibration monitoring, and protection of stained glass windows. The Salvage & Commemorative Plan will include a list of salvaged architectural elements and building materials and a strategy for how they will be reused elsewhere or repurposed on site as commemorative features. For example, Indwell intends to use reclaimed Eramosa limestone from the stone house in the landscaping for the courtyard. Interior features such as ornate plaster ceiling medallions are proposed to be reinstalled and displayed as an artefact in the development. Indwell has proposed commemorative naming for the new residential building which will be called

Construction Management Construction timeline Communication with local	Stonehouse Apartments in reference to the 1870s stone house. Refer to the Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment prepared by Hobson Built Heritage for full details. The construction period for this development is anticipated to be 16 to 18 months, with the goal of achieving occupancy by late 2026. Indwell and its construction manager will provide regular communication to neighbours throughout the construction process. Contact information for the site manager will be provided, offering a dedicated point of contact for
residents Indwell Housing Program Form of tenancy and affordability Tenant demographics Tenant selection process Housing model Community partnerships	Indwell has a strong track record of working with communities across Southwestern Ontario to create well-designed, long-term affordable housing buildings. Indwell has been in operation for 50 years and manages 1,200 units across 28 properties spanning seven regions. Indwell operates 14 buildings in Hamilton, including a group home on Wentworth Street South that has been in operation since 2002. Indwell is rooted in the Hamilton community and committed to operating buildings for the long-term. Units are provided as long-term rental apartments, with a dedicated kitchen and bathroom for each unit. The housing program at 120 Wentworth Street North is geared towards single-person households, in particular low-income seniors and people with disabilities, with rents set in accordance with shelter allowance rates under the Ontario Disability Support Program. Indwell tailors supports to meet the needs of individual tenants, however typical supports include: furnished apartment, daily meal, medication support, recreation programming, and onsite staff (e.g., housing support worker, food security worker, social worker, nurse, occupational therapist, etc.). Indwell works with partners such as the City of Hamilton and St. Joseph's Healthcare for tenant referrals.

Community feedback regarding height, traffic and parking, heritage preservation, construction management, housing model and tenant selection have been received and considered in the design. The most significant change to the proposed development since the earlier community engagement activities in 2022 and 2023 is a 2-storey decrease in the building height. The proposed uses have not changed. The proposed design is careful to mitigate impacts of overlook and shadowing, promote compatibility with existing neighbourhood character, honour the heritage features of the existing buildings, mitigate the impact of construction disruptions, and contribute to housing mix and affordability in the neighbourhood, providing 50 units of deeply affordable, supportive housing for people in need. Community feedback will be continuously considered in future iterations of the proposal and throughout the detailed Site Plan Control stage.

Appendices

Appendix A: August 2024 Meeting Outreach

Copy of Meeting Invitation



Community Meeting

Please join us for a community meeting to learn about the proposed redevelopment plans for the Wentworth Baptist Church site, into a renovated hall for the congregation and a new apartment building. Indwell and Flourish are hosting this meeting to provide information on the proposed development concept and housing program. We are seeking feedback and input from the community before submitting our development application to the City of Hamilton this fall.

DEVELOPMENT VISION: The concept plan for this site is for a 4-storey residential rental apartment building containing 50 studio units. The hall on the western side of the site will be renovated for continued use by the church congregation and Indwell tenants. Bicycle parking and an underground parking garage are envisioned on the site. Indwell's housing program will prioritize older adults and people with disabilities, with rents set at rates affordable to those receiving ODSP and supports provided by a multi-disciplinary staff team.

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

MEETING LOCATION: Wentworth Baptist Church, 120 Wentworth Street North, Hamilton

FORMAT: Starting at 7pm, the project team will provide a presentation describing the proposed development and housing program. Before and after the presentation, there will be an opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions of the project team.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Emily Power, Project Coordinator | Flourish Phone: 289-941-4938 Email: ebpower@flourish.ca 111-1429 Main Street East, Hamilton ON L8K 1C2

Meeting Invitation Circulation Area



Copy of GALA Herald Ad



Record of Notification to Ward 3 Councillor

Emily Power

From: Emily Power

Sent: August 21, 2024 4:43 PM

To: Weinberger, Alex; Nann, Nrinder; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann

Cc: Graham Cubitt

Subject: RE: Meeting regarding Indwell's development at 120 Wentworth St N

Attachments: 120WentworthStN-CommunityMeetingNotice.pdf;

GALAHeraldAugust2024Ad-10inWx8inH-Colour.pdf; 120WentworthStN-CommunityMeeting-01.png; 120WentworthStN-CommunityMeeting-02.png

Hi Nrinder and Alex,

Thanks for making time to meet with us a few weeks ago regarding this project. I wanted to follow up to share the materials we have been using to promote the community meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 28, 6:30-8pm at Wentworth Baptist.

Please see attached for a flyer that we circulated to the households within a few blocks of the site. We also purchased an ad in the GALA Herald earlier in August. I have attached some Instagram-sized graphics in case you'd be willing to share the event through our own social media or newsletter.

Councillor Nann, would you be available to join for the meeting? If so, it would be great if you'd like to give a short speech at the beginning welcoming people to the event, if you'd be comfortable with that.

Thanks, Emily

Emily Power (she/her) MScPI

Project Coordinator

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A social purpose real estate development services company founded by Indwell

Appendix B: August 2024 Community Meeting Comment Form



120 Wentworth Street North Community Meeting

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

COMMENTS

We would appreciate your comments and/or questions. Please leave this sheet with us this evening or return by mail by September 11, 2024, to:

Flourish

Attention: Emily Power, Project Coordinator
1429 Main Street East, Unit 111, Hamilton, ON L8K 1C2

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Record of Correspondence Received

	Power

From:

Sent: August 15, 2024 3:07 PM

To: Emily Power

Subject: Request for Information and Concerns Regarding Development at 120 Wentworth

Street North

Dear Emily Power,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is a second of Jam a resident of Huntley Street, which is directly across from the proposed development at 120 Wentworth Street North. I'm writing to request more information about the project, as well as to express some concerns shared by myself and several of my neighbors.

Given that Huntley Street is a small, quiet, and close-knit community, we are naturally concerned about the potential impact that a development of this scale may have on our neighborhood. Specifically, we would appreciate it if you could provide:

- 1. **Detailed Project Information:** An overview of the project timeline, including key milestones and expected completion dates.
- 2. **Layout Plans and Aerial Views**: Any available architectural or site plans, including aerial views of the proposed development. This will help us better understand the scope and scale of the project in relation to our homes and street.
- 3. **Impact Assessment**: Information on how the development is expected to affect local traffic, parking, and overall neighborhood dynamics, particularly for small streets like Huntley.
- 4. **Community Input and Its Impact**: We understand there is an upcoming meeting in two weeks. Could you please clarify how community input will be used in shaping the development? Specifically, what actions will be taken based on the feedback provided by residents?

Our goal is to better understand the project and its implications so that we can work together to ensure that the character and tranquility of our neighborhood are preserved. We hope the development can proceed in a way that addresses these concerns while also achieving its important goals.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. I look forward to your response and the opportunity to discuss this further.

Best,

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Appendix C: August 2024 Community Meeting Sign In Sheets





120 Wentworth Street North Community Meeting

Wednesday, August 28, 2024 - Attendance List

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	HOME ADDRESS & CONTACT INFORMATION (Email / Phone) Please include your contact info if you wish to receive updates on the project
Cun	Lutchen	
Doug	PETERS	
Dave	Statisz	
Sam	Lahie	
BRENDA	DUKE	
PETER	Giolev	
Melanie	Lawton	

Please note: A copy of this form will be shared with City of Hamilton Planning staff for their records, but your address will not be shared in any public documentation related to the development application.





120 Wentworth Street North Community Meeting

Wednesday, August 28, 2024 - Attendance List

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	HOME ADDRESS & CONTACT INFORMATION (Email / Phone) Please include your contact info if you wish to receive updates on the project
Craig	Culves	
Steph	Climie	
Tom	climie	
Helen	Cozzarin	
Rush Demois	Denniser	
Emma	Dennison	
Vera	Upham	

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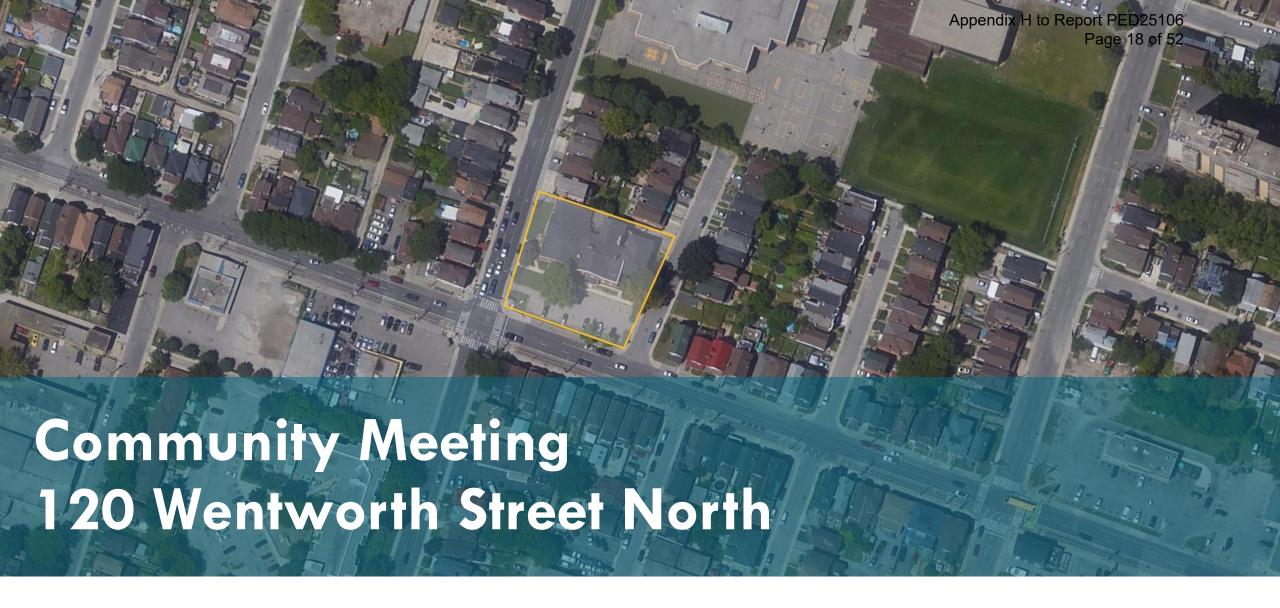
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Wednesday, August 28, 2024 - Attendance List

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Tracy	upham	
Kelvin d Jan	Mutter	

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Appendix D: August 2024 Community Meeting Slides



Wednesday, August 28, 2024 | 6:30pm – 8:00pm Wentworth Baptist Church



Land Acknowledgement

The City of Hamilton is situated on land that has been inhabited by Indigenous people for thousands of years. We acknowledge that this community is located upon the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and Anishnaabeg. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties, and is within the lands covered by the "Dish With One Spoon" Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This land is adjacent to the Haldimand Treaty Territory.

Today, the City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America). We recognize we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners, and caretakers.



Project Team



Owner/Operator



Development Manager



Architect



Planning Consultant



Heritage Consultant



Landscape Architect



Civil Engineer



Mechanical Engineer



Structural Engineer



Why We're Here

- 1. Site description and context
- 2. Planning policies
- 3. Development vision
- 4. Housing program vision
- 5. Timelines and opportunities for community input
- 6. Discussion and Q&A



The Site – Existing Conditions

















Community Meeting – 120 Wentworth St N Wednesday, August 28, 2024

The Site – Current Planning Policies



- Designated
 "Neighbourhoods"
 under Urban Hamilton
 Official Plan
- Designation provides for residential uses and complementary facilities and services
- Designation provides for a full range of housing options (forms, types, tenure)



The Site – Current Planning Policies



- Zoned "Neighbourhood Institutional I1" under City of Hamilton Zoning By-law 05-200
- Examples of permitted uses: Single or semi-detached dwelling, duplex, residential care facility, emergency shelter, place of worship, museum, etc.
- Current use under this zone: Place of Worship (Wentworth Baptist Church)
- Zoning By-law Amendment Application will be required for the following modifications: multiple dwelling use; streetline setback from Cannon St; residential parking reduction



The Site - Heritage Context



- Not designated under the Ontario Heritage Act
- Included in City of Hamilton Inventory of Places of Worship, identified as place of historical and architectural interest
- Heritage Impact Assessment and Conservation & Salvage Plan to be completed by Hobson Heritage Consulting
- West Wing (main hall, gymnasium) to be retained for use by church congregation, Indwell residents, community groups
- East Wing to be demolished, with salvaged items incorporated into new building
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DEVELOPMENT VISION





Proposal Summary



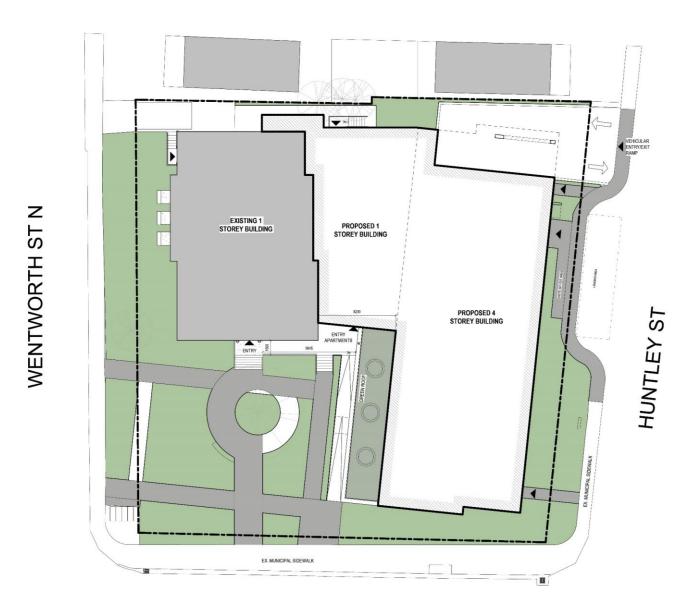
Invizij, August 2024. Conceptual rendering. Looking north from Cannon St E.

- Renovation of hall on western portion of site (basement gymnasium, ground floor sanctuary, mezzanine)
- Construction of 4-storey apartment building with 50 studio units, including 10 barrierfree accessible units
- Construction of 1-storey building between, containing kitchen and office space
- 15 sub-grade parking spaces
- Bicycle parking



DRAFT SITE PLAN

Invizij, August 2024.





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DRAFT FLOOR PLAN

Ground Level

Invizij, August 2024.

COLOUR LEGEND

STUDIO BF UNITS

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SERVICES

OFFICE

STORAGE SPACE

MULTIPURPOSE SPACE

AMENITY SPACE



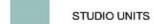
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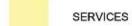
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COLOUR LEGEND





















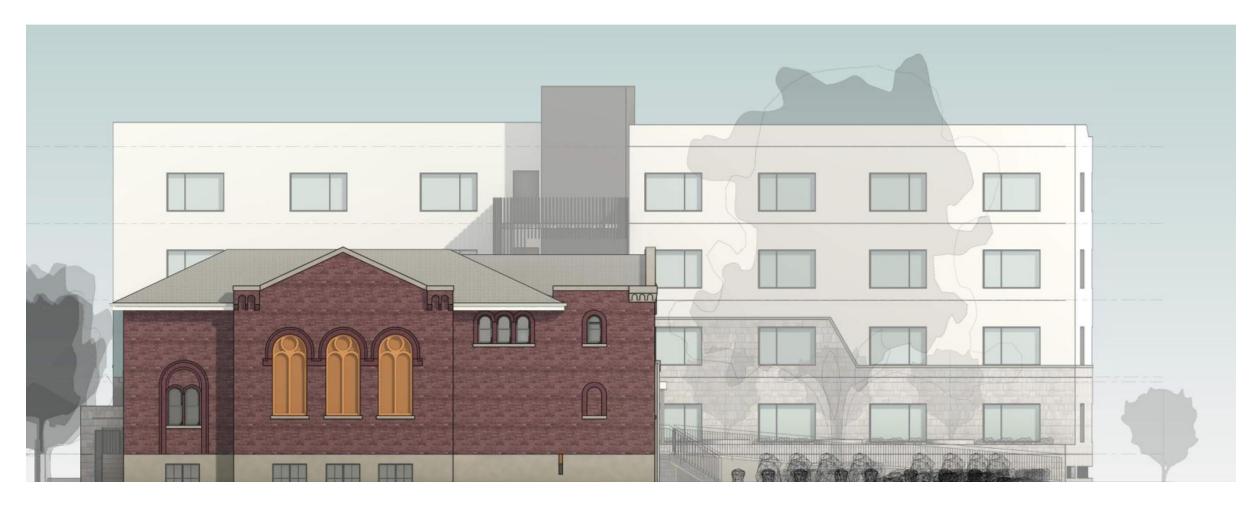
DRAFT ELEVATIONS



Invizij, February 2024. Building elevations from Cannon St E, looking north.



DRAFT ELEVATIONS



Invizij, February 2024. Building elevations from Wentworth St N, looking east.





Invizij, March 2024. Detail: tenant amenity space on second floor.



Development Timeline

2021-2024 Summer 2024

Fall 2024

Fall 2026

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- 2021: Indwell purchases property from Wentworth Baptist Church
- Community meetings held June 2021, February 2023
- Regular updates to church board & congregation

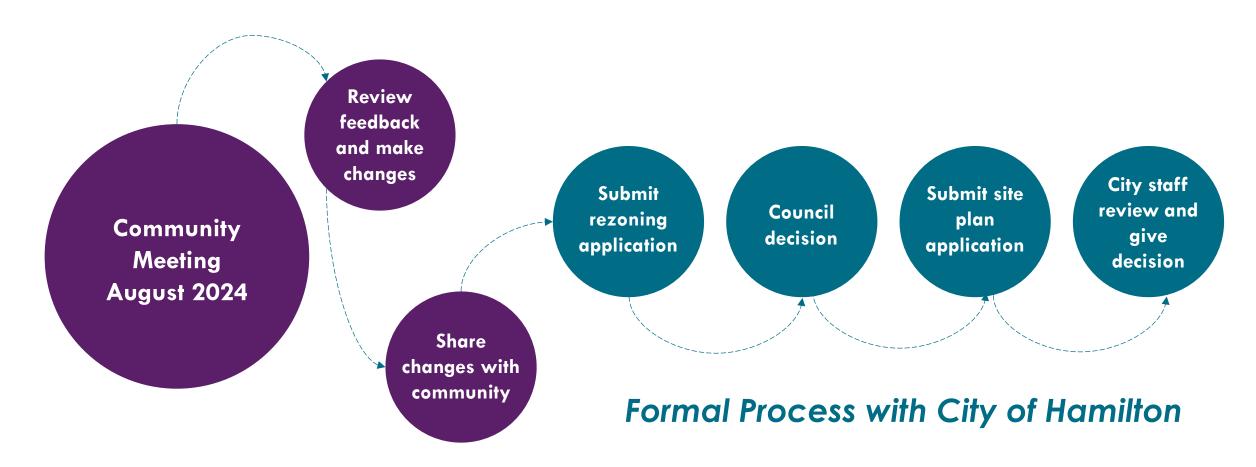
- Stakeholder
 engagement with with
 Wentworth Baptist
 Church, Ward 3
 Councillor Nrinder
 Nann, Barton Village
 BIA, Gibson &
 Landsdale
 Neighbourhood
 Planning Team
- Community meeting

- Formal consultation with City of Hamilton staff
- Finalize building designs
- Submit rezoning application
- Submit site plan application

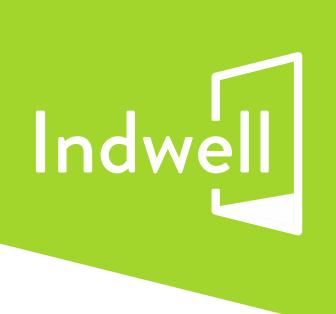
- Target for end of construction
- Occupancy



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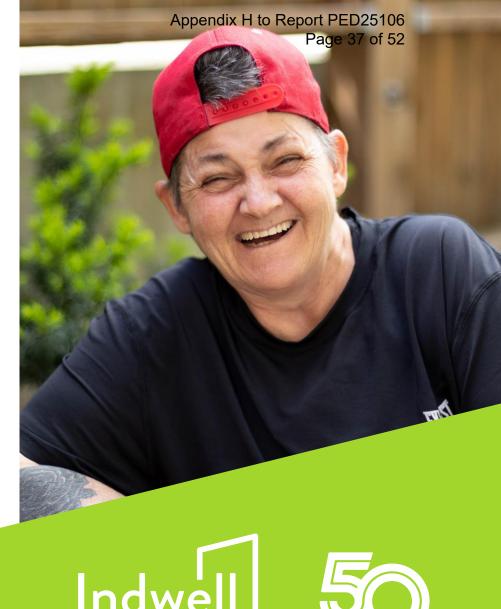


HOUSING PROGRAM VISION

Ashlynn Hill

About Us

- For 50 years, Indwell has been providing supportive housing that transforms lives.
- Every door we open together becomes a solution to homelessness.







About Us

- Support over 1,250 tenants in seven
 regions across Southern and Southwestern
 Ontario—with several projects currently
 under construction or pre-development.
- Empower tenants to achieve health and wellness goals, and to constructively engage with their communities.



HOPE AND HOMES FOR ALL

Our Vision

Our Mission

Indwell is a Christian charity that creates affordable housing communities that support people seeking health, wellness and belonging.





HOPE AND HOMES FOR ALL

Our Vision

Core Values



We value the inherent **dignity** of all people as image bearers of God.



We live out our Christian calling to love our neighbours as ourselves.



Hope is the foundation of all our actions.





REAL AFFORDABILITY

- Rent reflects income
- Long term stability
- Low utility costs





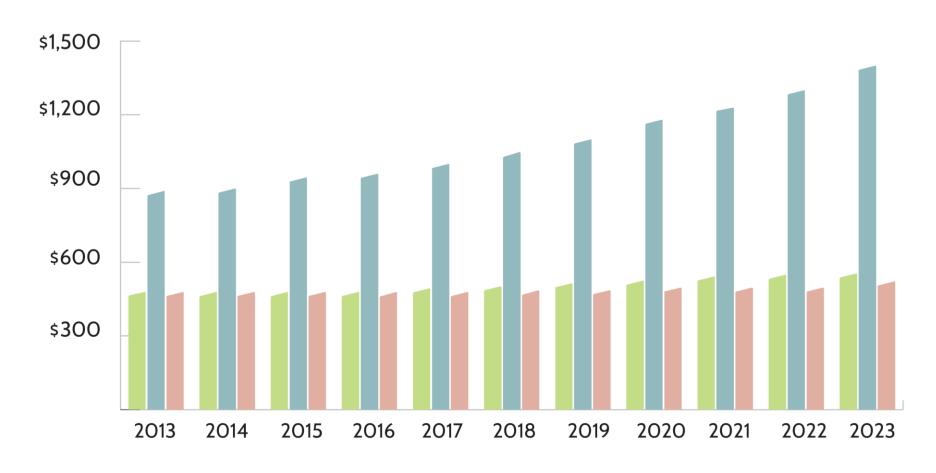




INDWELL RENT

MARKET RENT*

ODSP**



^{*} Ontario median for a one-bedroom apartment (source: CMHC Rental Market Data Tables, 2022) — 2023 is estimated



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^{**} OSDP shelter allowance

INNOVATING FOR THE FUTURE

- Leader in Passive House development
- Lowering our carbon emissions
- Empowered conservation







HOUSING WITH SUPPORTS

- Nursing
- Food security
- Life skills training
- Recreation
- Addictions support
- "Knowable" communities

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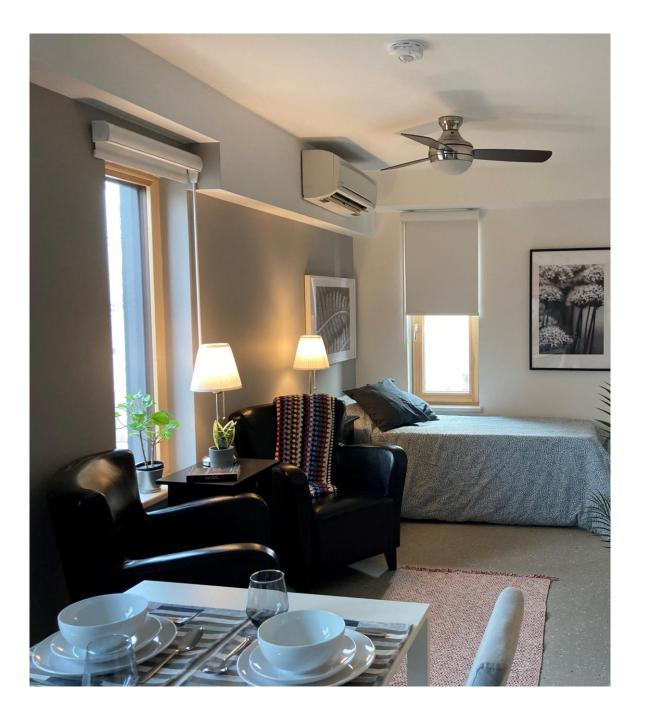




PROPERTY MANAGEMENT EXCELLENCE

- Relational landlords
- Proactive maintenance
- Safe and secure buildings







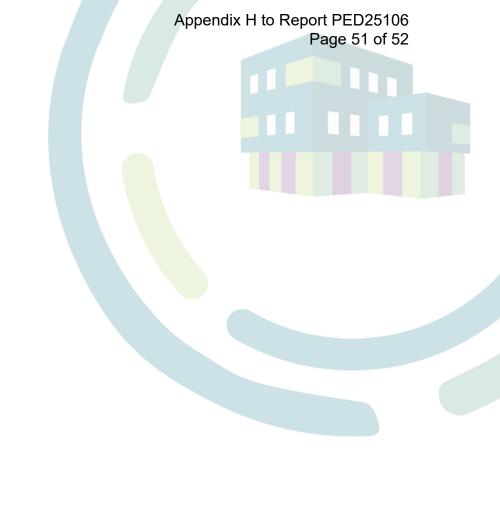








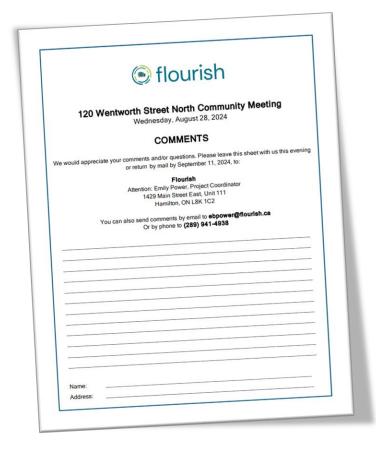






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