

The Women's Resource Centre is relocating to 233 Carlton St.

Women's Resource Centre Services

Expected to open in early 2021, 233 Carlton St. is the replacement site for the existing Adelaide Resource Centre for Women at 67 Adelaide St. E. which has operated since 1998. In 2014, City Council asked the Centre to open its doors 24/7 to provide more safe spaces for women in the downtown east at risk of gender-based violence. Inadequate infrastructure and extensive renovations at the existing site necessitated this relocation. 233 Carlton St. is in close proximity to the existing location, is accessible to public transit, and provides adequate space for program delivery.

This location will continue to provide supportive services for women who are housed and need supports or are experiencing homelessness. Services include employment supports, mental health supports, women's programming, and a 24-hour women's drop-in.

Questions?

Not able to make the event? Share your feedback and learn more about our developments and community engagement efforts using the resources below.

Web page: www.toronto.ca/OtherHomelessServices

233 Carlton St. inquiries: clc.233carlton@gmail.com

General inquiries: ssha.homeless@toronto.ca



The City of Toronto has leased the property at 233 Carlton St. as the relocation site for the existing Adelaide Resource Centre for Women.

Let's Talk: Community Forum

Five topics. Five stations.

January 21, 2020

5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Cabbagetown Youth Centre

2 Lancaster Avenue

(This is an accessible venue)



Community Engagement Process Overview

Briefing with Councillor's office on project and engagement plan

Community Engagement Facilitator to gather feedback on key issues

Public Information Notice sent to immediate community

Let's Talk: Community Forum for discussion between residents, businesses, the City and operators

Community Liaison Committee (CLC) meetings to begin before service opens and continue beyond



Let's Talk: Community Forum

At this event we invite you to drop by to:

- Talk one-on-one with the City's Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division and Women's Resource Centre staff
- Share your concerns and your ideas on community safety, service planning and community engagement
- Ideas and concerns will be compiled to help inform the future of the service and shared back to the community

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Some people may come for more information about the Women's Resource Centre. Some may already have ideas they want to share. This is a chance to do both.

This event will feature a number of stations with a number of topics, including five main stations each staffed by a specialist on the topic. Come share your ideas and concerns and ask questions.

Topics will include:

- Safety in 2021
- Building Design
- What's a Resource Centre?
- Community Engagement
- Downtown East Action Plan

Other tables will include representatives from key supportive resources.

Why was the community not consulted about the relocation of the Adelaide Resource Centre to 233 Carlton St.?

New homelessness service sites are only developed when there is a need and they are determined to be a permitted use under all applicable bylaws, and as such, the City does not seek community input when selecting these new sites.

The City does, however, complete a comprehensive assessment to determine site suitability. Some of these considerations include: cost, proximity to other supportive services, easy access to transit, adequate space that will support programming, and buildings that can be made fully accessible for service users.

What is the purpose of this engagement process then?

Although communities are not consulted on location, they do have a large role to play in helping the Resource Centre integrate in a positive way into the community.

Through the engagement process (see overview on left) community members can ask questions, share concerns, participate in collective problem-solving through the Community Liaison Committee (CLC), and channel offers of support, resulting in a service that can best serve the women who access it and the wider community.

