

Intentional Community Consortium

Building Inclusive Communities



Finding solutions to the deeply-affordable housing crisis faced by individuals with diverse abilities, focusing on housing, support services and community engagement.

WHO WE ARE

The Intentional Community Consortium (ICC), founded in 2017, is a registered not-for-profit, representing charities and not-for-profit organizations, working to solve the housing crisis for those with diverse abilities across Canada.

Mission: Affect change by applying shared learning and networking from our member organizations to:

- Expand affordable housing projects for mixed use.
- Combine the strength of our member organizations to create hundreds of housing units throughout Canada with a preference for multi-unit projects of 20-units or more.
- Advocate as a consortium to all levels of government.
- Share tools and information through partnerships and member engagement.



Growing national challenges faced by individuals with developmental disabilities.

Targeted Investment

All levels of government would provide affordable solutions to these challenges.

HOMELESSNESS

18% of people in shelters have a developmental disability¹

ABUSE

Women with DD are 65% more likely to experience abuse

HEALTH

50% live with medical issues²

POVERTY

90% live below the poverty line

1. Dr. Sylvan Roy, PhD, President, Ontario Psychological Association
2. Health Care Access Research and Developmental Disabilities

- About 100,000 Ontario adults have an intellectual disability. An estimated 40% (40,000) of these individuals also have a concurrent mental health diagnosis.
- An estimated 14,000 Ontario individuals with an intellectual disability are on a non-municipal waiting list for residential housing with a projected (forty) 40 year wait list.

Our Ask

Federal



- Federal investments through co-investment fund reflect updated costs as inflation, financing and other market forces add costs particularly for the deeply affordable supportive housing development.
- Establish a dedicated pathway for deeply affordable and supportive housing like ICC, that will generate secondary benefits to the community including reduced health costs, and related social and policing supports.

Provincial



- Provincial investment in housing for individuals with developmental disabilities by earmarking 10% of the National Housing Strategy funding to this critical need, and requiring municipalities to commit accordingly.

Municipal



- Partner with local agencies serving those with developmental disabilities to quickly build more housing.
- Establish an equitable assignment of land, funds, and resources for affordable, accessible and supportive housing for individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Ensure favourable zoning to allow for more inclusive communities providing affordable, accessible and supportive housing.

BUILDING THE FUTURE – OUR MEMBER PROJECTS

The supply of affordable, accessible, and supportive housing for people with diverse abilities remains far less than the need. A home of one's own is the cornerstone of independence for ALL persons.

COMPLETED PROJECTS



KW Habilitation modular structure built for 2 adults. So many possibilities with modular structure can fit in a backyard or stacked as apartment units.



CAFFI Housing collaborated with Raising the Roof to restore a heritage building as an affordable rental, piloting an innovative home-share model.

FUTURE PROJECTS



Reena's 3rd Intentional Community, the Frankfort Family Reena Residence in Toronto will have 111 self contained rental apartments for 168 tenants.



Community Living Toronto's Lawson development in Toronto will be designed to be inclusive, accessible, and transit-friendly, making it easy for everyone to get around and participate in the community.

OUR MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS (as of February 2024)

Organization	Location	Organization	Location
Anand Vihar - The Centre for Dignified Living	Markham, Ontario	Kenora District Services Board	Kenora, Ontario
Beth Tikvah - Hamilton	Hamilton, Ontario	Kerry's Place Autism Services	Newmarket, Ontario
CAFFI (Caledon Area Families for Inclusion) & CAFFI Housing	Caledon, Ontario	KW Habilitation	Kitchener, Ontario
Camphill Communities	Angus, Ontario	Luso Canadian Charitable Society	Hamilton, Ontario
Central West Specialized Developmental Services	Oakville, Ontario	Mary Centre	Toronto, Ontario
Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre	Timmins, Ontario	Miriam Centre	Montreal, Quebec
Community Living - Elmira	Elmira, Ontario	New Leaf	Queensville, Ontario
Community Living - Hamilton	Hamilton, Ontario	Ongwanada	Kingston, Ontario
Community Living - Haldimand	Cayuga, Ontario	Operation Springboard	Toronto, Ontario
Community Living - South Muskoka	Bracebridge, Ontario	Parents for Community Living KW Inc.	Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario
Community Living - Toronto	Toronto, Ontario	Participation House Project (Durham Region)	Whitby, Ontario
Cribwolf Foundation	Burlington, Ontario	Reena	Vaughan, Ontario
DeafBlind Ontario Services	Peterborough, Ontario	Safehaven	Toronto, Ontario
Durham Region non-Profit Housing Corporation	Oshawa, Ontario	St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church	Toronto, Ontario
Empower Simcoe	Barrie, Ontario	Tamir Foundation	Ottawa, Ontario
Karis Disability Services	Waterloo, Ontario	Toronto Community Housing Corporation	Toronto, Ontario
Kenora Chiefs Advisory – Ogimaawabiitong	Kenora, Ontario	Willowbridge Community Services	Brantford, Ontario

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