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Alexandra Park/Atkinson Co-op

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Revitalization in Alexandra Park

Demolition in Progress

The demolition of vacant townhomes in the Dundas St. W., and Denison Ave. area begun in July. All efforts will be made on site to limit the impacts of noise and dust. Demolition work is targeted for completion by November 2020.



Next Phase of the Revitalization

The corner of Denison Avenue and Dundas Street is the next phase of the revitalization. An Atkinson apartment building and townhouses will be built in this area. A market condominium building will be built at the same time.

20 Vanauley Mural

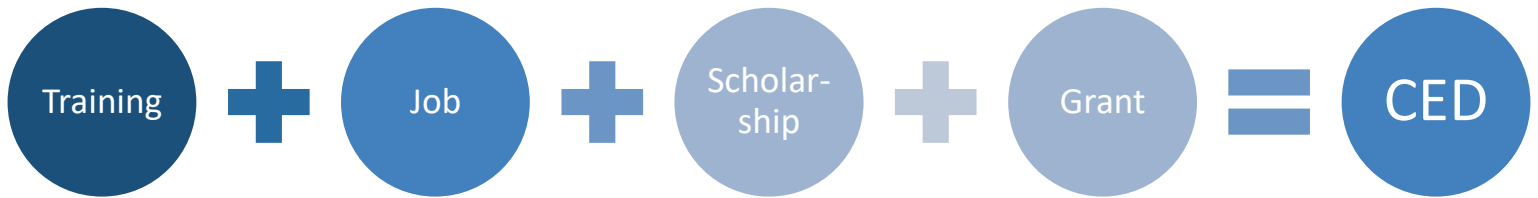
A resident mural committee has been working with Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) to animate the building with art. A mural will be painted on the south facing exterior wall of the building, starting in the fall of 2020. A big thank-you to the 35 households who participated in this voting process.

Resident Engagement

Residents can participate in the monthly Revitalization Working Group conference calls on the first Thursday of every month, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

If you are new to the working group meeting and interested in participating, contact [Claire Tian](mailto:Claire.Tian@torontohousing.ca) at 416-678-2318 or Claire.Tian@torontohousing.ca.

Community Economic Development (CED)



Employment Support Available

As part of the revitalization, TCHC is working with local residents, employers, the Alexandra Park Community Centre, and employment support agencies to provide residents with various training and employment opportunities.

If you are an Alexandra Park/Atkinson Co-op resident and looking for training, grants or employment support, contact TCHC staff [Kristopher Sousa](#) at 647-746-1591 or Kristopher.Sousa@torontohousing.ca.

Alexandra Park Running Club

John Chen, a resident of Atkinson Co-op Housing Corporation, just started a running club in August 2020. The club had their first member meeting on Monday, August 24.

John's running club is funded by [the Alexandra Park revitalization grant program](#), which offers up to \$2,000 for initiatives that contribute to the social development of the neighborhood.



(Photo credit goes to John Chen)

“During the pandemic, it is important as ever to get enough exercise every day. The Alexandra Park Running Club meets weekly on Mondays to promote healthy and safe running. We are open to all skill levels and backgrounds!” said John.

Alexandra Park Social Development Plan

Revitalization is not just about the buildings in the community, it's also about the people and how we can facilitate a positive neighbourhood experience for all.

The Alexandra Park Social Development Plan (SDP) is complete and will serve as a road map for incorporating social development into the revitalization process. The SDP provides a framework to activate opportunities and initiatives that members of the community themselves have indicated as priorities:

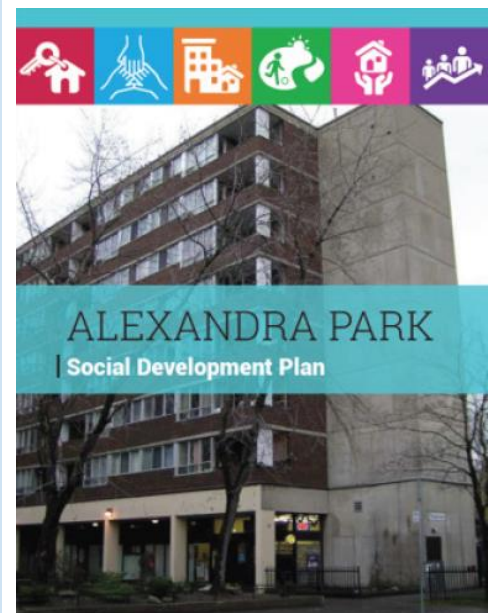
- Safety
- Social cohesion
- Community heritage
- Accessible programs and services
- Resident engagement
- Community economic development

The SDP will facilitate Alexandra Park's emergence from its revitalization process as an inclusive, respectful, and safe community, where residents can access local programs and services to support everyday needs.

Resident Engagement

A Resident Committee comprising 15 residents from Alexandra Park has worked with TCHC for more than two years to create this SDP Plan. We would like to express a sincere appreciation for their leadership, insights, and commitment in the SDP development process.

More than 240 residents from Alexandra Park supported the development of the SDP by completing a survey, participating in a focus group or community consultation. Thank you to all the residents who helped make the Plan possible.



Alexandra Park Social Development Plan

Social Development Plan Resident Monitoring Group

Implementing the initiatives that make up the SDP will require resident participation to monitor and evaluate the success of the SDP. TCHC is looking for residents to join our Social Development Plan Resident Monitoring Group.

If you are interest in joining the Resident Monitoring Group or would like to learn more about the Social Development Plan, contact [Claire Tian at 416-678-2318 or Claire.Tian@torontohousing.ca](mailto:Claire.Tian@torontohousing.ca) or visit <https://www.torontohousing.ca/capital-initiatives/revitalization/Pages/Alexandra-park.aspx>.

Online Governance Training

Through the Social Development Plan, one of the goals is to support resident leadership. TCHC is presenting two governance training opportunities in September: one on September 22, and another on September 29, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Existing board members as well as local residents who are interested in governance are welcome to participate.

Pre-registration is required. Register with [Kristopher Sousa at 647-746-1591 or Kristopher.Sousa@torontohousing.ca](mailto:Kristopher.Sousa@torontohousing.ca). Training materials and participation instruction will be emailed or mailed to registered residents prior to the training session.



Training topics include but not limit to:


- Responsibilities and liabilities
- Regulations and legislation
- Risk oversight
- Committee types and charters
- Meeting tools
- Board composition
- Board member development
- Board evaluation

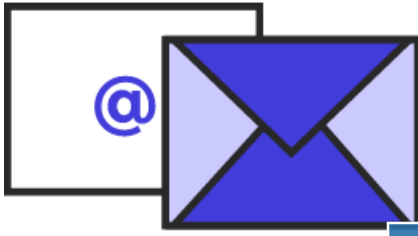
Alexandra Park Back to School Event

Going back to school is a reason for celebration because it means a new step towards a wonderful future. To add more excitement for the school year ahead, TCHC worked together with Alexandra Park Community Centre and Tridel to help students prepare to go back to school. A total of 108 students registered and received free backpacks and school supplies.

Wishing every student a wonderful new school year.

Alexandra Park/Atkinson Co-op Revitalization Working Group

	Date and Time
	Coming Meetings
	Thursday, October 1, 2020
	Thursday, November 5, 2020
	Thursday, December 3, 2020
	6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



If you are an Alexandra Park /Atkinson Co-op resident, and would like to receive email communications on revitalization from TCHC, you can contact TCHC Staff Claire Tian at 416-678-2318 or Claire.Tian@torontohousing.ca.

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