

# Housing Advisory Task Force Agenda

9:00 AM - Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Council Chambers

[Zoom Registration](#)

## 1. Call to Order

## 2. Traditional Land Acknowledgement

We begin this gathering by acknowledging and celebrating these traditional lands as a gathering place of the first peoples and their ancestors who are entrusted to care for Mother Earth since time immemorial. We do so respecting both the land and the Indigenous People who continue to walk with us through this world. Today, the Township of North Frontenac is committed to working with Indigenous Peoples and all residents to pursue a united path of reconciliation.

## 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

## 4. Housing Advisory Task Force Notes

- a) Notes of the January 14, 2026 HATF Meeting as approved via email and were received for information at the February 6, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council. 2 - 4

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## 5. Business Arising

- a) Township Property Listing

<https://www.northfrontenac.com/en/township-services/municipal-property-listing.aspx>

- b) 2026 Tax Rates 5

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## 6. Presentations

- a) Abbeyfield 6 - 31

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- b) JP Melville, HATF Member re: Funding Opportunities 32 - 36

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## 7. New Business

## 8. Public Forum

## 9. Adjournment

- a) Meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m.



# Housing Advisory Task Force Minutes

9:00 AM - Wednesday, January 14, 2026  
Council Chambers

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**Present:** Mayor Gerry Lichty (Chair); Councillor John Inglis; Councillor Wayne Good; JP Melville; Tom Hunter (virtual) and Steve Sunderland

**Absent with Regret:**

**Also Present:** Kelly Watkins, Dipl.M.A., Dipl.M.M., Treasurer and Brooke Ross, Dipl.M.A., Dipl.M.M., Manager of Community Development (MCD)

## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

## 2. Traditional Land Acknowledgement

## 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

## 4. Housing Advisory Task Force Notes

- a) Notes of the December 10, 2025 HATF Meeting as approved via email and were received for information at the January 16, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council.

The HATF briefly discussed different Abbeyfield models that are present in Ontario. The February HATF meeting will include a presentation from Abbeyfield.

Rob Lesperance, Resident shared a 5 minute overview of his previous presentation to Council, of his model which looks at remote workers to seniors. It is based on annual income, what is considered to be affordable housing (\$1500/month), tiny home solutions and maximum of 650 square feet. The HATF has asked Rob to present the full presentation at a future HATF meeting.

## 5. Business Arising

- a) 2025 - 2026 Work Plan

When a developer comes, what challenges do they find. The EDTF sub group went through this exact question and came to the conclusion that this Township has similar restrictions to other communities.

Developmental Concerns that HATF see:

- Sharing Septic systems (under 10,000L), sharing well, 5-6 small homes, with one common owner: Planning mechanisms don't allow this to happen currently. Could potentially develop this concept, a process map and run it through testing mechanisms and see what road blocks are hit. Councillor Inglis and Steve Sunderland will work on a demonstration plan and bring this back to the March HATF meeting for discussion.
- It is very important to have appropriate site selection for a proposed project (i.e. potable water, near a plowed roadway, access to utilities, etc.).
- Possible Provincial/Federal Funding opportunities - one is Municipal led and one is privately led. Potential funding can support a business model that would fund this and not have the financials dependent on the Township. JP Melville will do a presentation on this at a future HATF Meeting.
- Current stock of Municipal Land - this will be included in the next HATF Meeting.
- Financing - 20% is required to be put down for a mortgage, plus \$5,000 - \$10,000 in additional costs, just to start up. Township could potentially lend money as an option, lease land, provide land with a conditional agreements on what the development would look like or provide potential tax breaks to property owners to donate land. Need to ensure we are working within bonusing regulations, there are requirements we would need to follow.
- Two different types of communities in North Frontenac, we have our seasonal residents and we have our permanent year round residents. Keep the development small which should hopefully help our year round permanent residents, but also keep the development small enough that it wont create over-development and keep our land similar to why people like to cottage here.
- Potential direction for the Township to think more about purchasing more land.
- The cost of the land is sometimes arbitrary, its more about how much it is actually going to cost to start to build (red tape, planning applications, studies, etc.)
- What does it cost to buy an existing home (cheapest \$374k, most expensive 1.3m) - average homes are \$375 - \$600k in North Frontenac on current listings.
- For information a \$332k purchase for a mobile home concept (\$422 a square foot), not always are these options any cheaper for people to obtain. This did not include any services, etc.

#### Key Takeaways:

- Rob Lesperance Presentation (Feb 11 HATF)
- Abbeyfield Presentation (Feb 11 HATF)
- JP Melville Presentation re: Funding Opportunities (Feb 11 HATF)
- Treasurer provide current tax rates (Feb 11 HATF)
- MCD to provide current Township property listing (Feb 11 HATF)
- Art Hannigan Presentation (March 11 HATF)
- John Inglis and Steve Sunderland Concepts (March 11 HATF)

This Task Force is not talking about social housing, that is dealt with through the City of Kingston. It was mentioned that we cannot tackle every problem, but we can try to sort out some.

## 6. New Business

None.

## 7. Adjournment

- a) Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

### **Recommendations to Council**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the January 14, 2026, Notes of the Housing Advisory Task Force (HATF).

Received by Council on February 6, 2026.

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Mayor Gerry Lichty, Chair

Township of North Frontenac					
2026 Taxation Year					
TAX RATES					
		<u>BASED ON \$ 7,825,995 TO BE RAISED FOR MUNICIPAL TAXATION</u>			
CLASS	DESCRIPTION	MUNICIPAL	COUNTY	EDUCATION	TOTAL
CT	Commercial	0.00806950	0.00229301	0.00880000	0.01916251
CU	Commercial (Excess Land)	0.00564865	0.00160511	0.00880000	0.01605376
CX	Commercial (Vacant Land)	0.00564865	0.00160511	0.00880000	0.01605376
XT	Commercial New Construction	0.00806950	0.00229301	0.00880000	0.01916251
XU	Commercial New Construction (Excess)	0.00564865	0.00160511	0.00880000	0.01605376
CO	Commercial - On Farm Business 2	0.00201738	0.00057325	0.00220000	0.00479063
FT	Farmlands	0.00201738	0.00057325	0.00038250	0.00297313
IT	Industrial	0.00806950	0.00229301	0.00880000	0.01916251
IX	Industrial (Vacant Land)	0.00524518	0.00149046	0.00880000	0.01553564
I0	Industrial - Small Scale on Farm Business 2	0.00201738	0.00057325	0.00220000	0.00479063
I7	Industrial - Small Scale on Farm Business 1	0.00201738	0.00057325	0.00220000	0.00479063
VT	Industrial - Aggregate Extraction	0.00806950	0.00229301	0.00511000	0.01547251
RT	Residential/Farm	0.00806950	0.00229301	0.00153000	0.01189251
TT	Managed forest	0.00201738	0.00057325	0.00038250	0.00297313
<u>EXAMPLE BASED ON \$100,000 RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT</u>					
		MUNICIPAL	COUNTY	EDUCATION	TOTAL
2025-2026	DOLLAR INCREASE/DECREASE	\$30.03	\$10.36	\$0.00	\$40.39
	% INCREASE/DECREASE	3.84%	4.69%	0.00%	3.49%
	2026	\$812.10	\$231.36	\$153.00	\$1,196.46
	2025	\$782.07	\$221.00	\$153.00	\$1,156.07

A Unique – Small Scale Model for Seniors  
Shared Accommodation



Abbeyfield  
Lakefield

Presentation for North Frontenac Township

# Abbeyfield Success

- Abbeyfield has been a successful model of affordable housing for moderate income seniors for over 70 years. Starting in the United Kingdom in 1957 and spreading to 800 Houses in 15 countries around the world, including 20 houses in Canada.
- Abbeyfield houses are ideal for many who seek a place that preserves their privacy while promoting a sense of security, community, companionship and support.
- Monthly costs will be +/- \$2300 compared to a retirement home at >\$5500 per month. Includes rent & the services of a cook & house Manager.

# Abbeyfield Success

- A home in shared accommodation for 12-20 elderly persons living Independently on low to moderate income
- Monthly costs will be +/- \$2000 compared to a retirement home at >\$5000 per month. Includes rent & the services of a cook & house Manager.
- Abbeyfield houses are managed by volunteer boards of directors and involve volunteers in residents' activities.
- Full/part time housekeeper/cook/administrator

# Abbeyfield House Society of Lakefield

- AHS� was founded by Dewi Jones in 2017 looking housing options for his sister in the UK
- AHS� Incorporated in 2019 as a not-for-profit without share capital and acquired CRA charitable status.
- After AHS� was denied a donation of property by the municipality in July 2020, a resident came forward with an opportunity to purchase a 4-acre property in Lakefield
- AHS� Purchased 93 Ermatinger in January 2021 at fair market value.

# Supporting Social Enterprise Projects

- Total cost to purchase of property = \$650K
- Unable to acquire loans from chartered lenders or municipalities to purchase the property
- Community Futures KL funded 70% = \$450K
- AHSL Board Member Bond Loans = \$70K
- Social Enterprise Community Bond Investors = \$130K
- **Apartment rental income from the bungalow covers our interest only loans and operating costs for the property purchase**



# Abbeyfield House Society of Lakefield

- The Abbeyfield Lakefield development site is a four-acre property with 150' frontage on serviced land in Lakefield
- Property has a 50 year old bungalow with basement walkout that currently has two rentable three-bedroom apartments
- Current Official Plan designation = Residential Type1 & Future Development at the rear of the property
- AHSL completed a Zoning By-law & Official Plan Amendment to Medium Density Residential R3 exception & a severance for the existing house and urban sized lot.
- Retained 3.5 acres will be used for the AHSL build.

# Abbeyfield Site Challenges

- Approximately 1.5 acres deemed environmentally protected that wasn't previously mapped by the local conservation authority (ORCA)
- ORCA reduced the setback from 30m to 10m to allow access to the rear of the property for development.
- Significant planning challenges resulted in the long laneway, additional servicing costs, reduced development area and managing the hydro geological aspects of the property.

# Project Planning Costs

- Township/County development pre-consultation meeting identified studies required to complete planning justification, severance and zoning/OPA requirements. Planning fees and professional services budget to exceeded \$125K for this phase.
- The project meets the CMHC definition of affordable housing (70% market) & CMHC is engaged in this shared accommodation project at the request of federal housing ministry. CMHC had not previously supported similar NFP projects.
- CMHC has provided initial Seed Funding grant & loan up to \$80K to assist in our planning costs to date. No funding to complete site plan approval or construction drawings is provided.

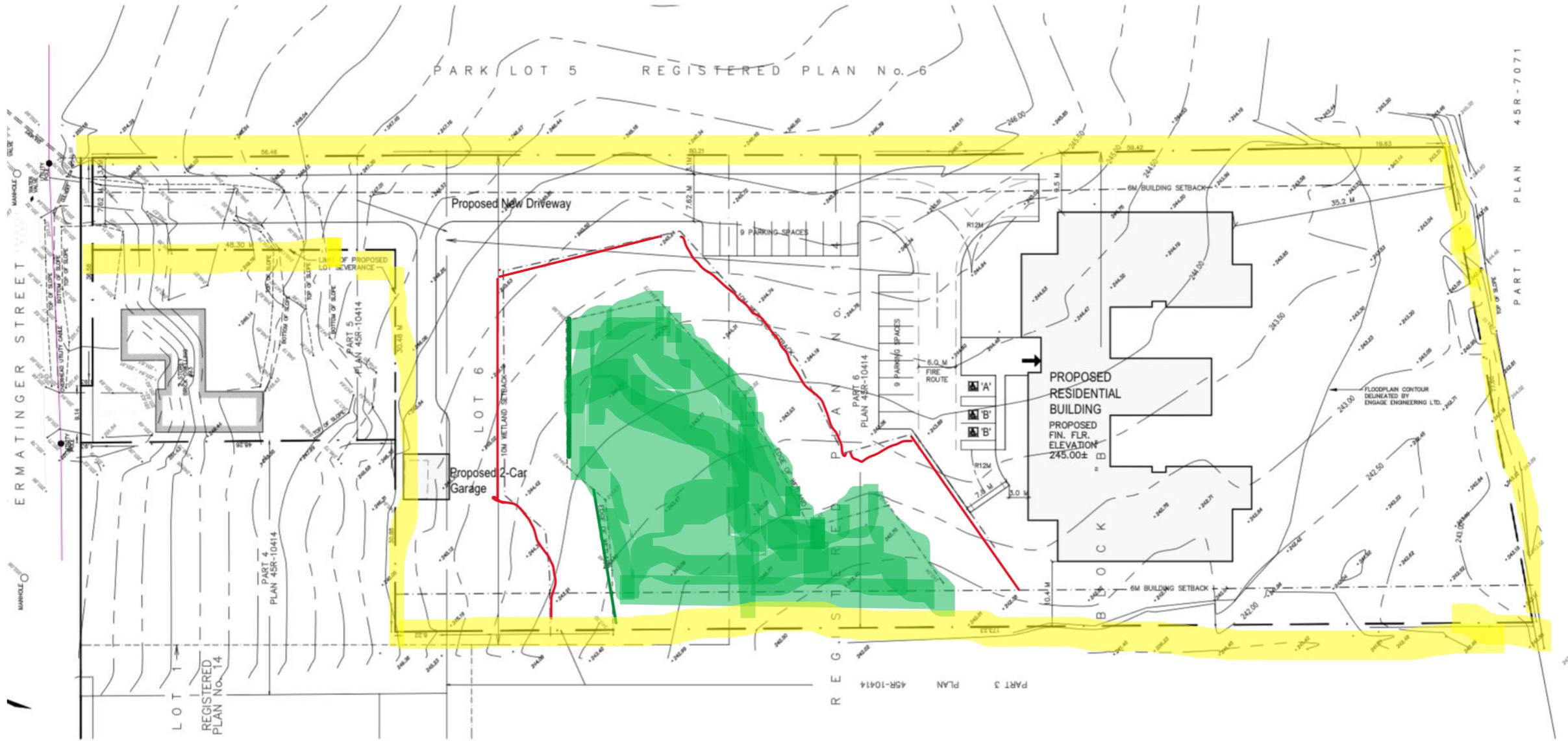
# Project Planning Costs

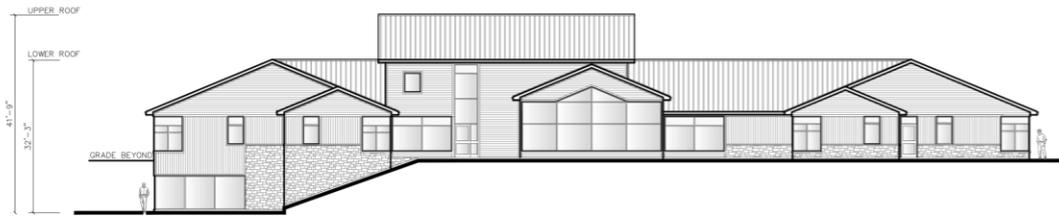
- Completed the Official Plan Amendment and property severance of the existing house in 2024.
- Sold existing house and urban lot in 2024 for more than we paid for the original property, outside of real estate fees.
- Retained 3.5-acre zoned R3 Exception (Shared Accommodation) was valued at >\$1 Million.
- Secured a \$250K loan from CKL Community Futures to complete Site Plan and Construction Drawings.

# The Abbeyfield House

- The home will compliment local architecture and employ an appropriate level of finishes.
- 17 one bed suites of 450 sq.ft. with en-suite bathrooms and kitchenettes will be built. 5 barrier free and 12 accessible units.
- Two, 2-bedroom units will, one for the live-in House Manager and the second for two Trent Uuniversity BSW or BN students.
- The home will include shared dining, kitchen, library/computer room, sitting rooms and laundry facilities.
- The home will include a meeting room and accessible washrooms for NFP groups and residents to stay active.

# Preliminary Drawings

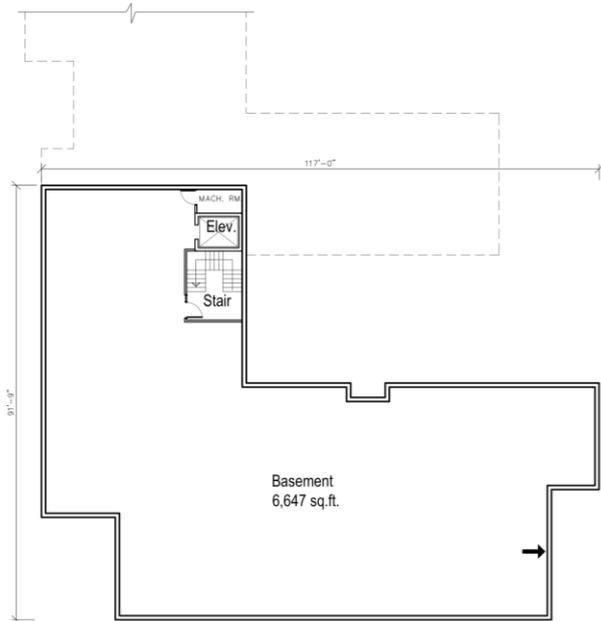




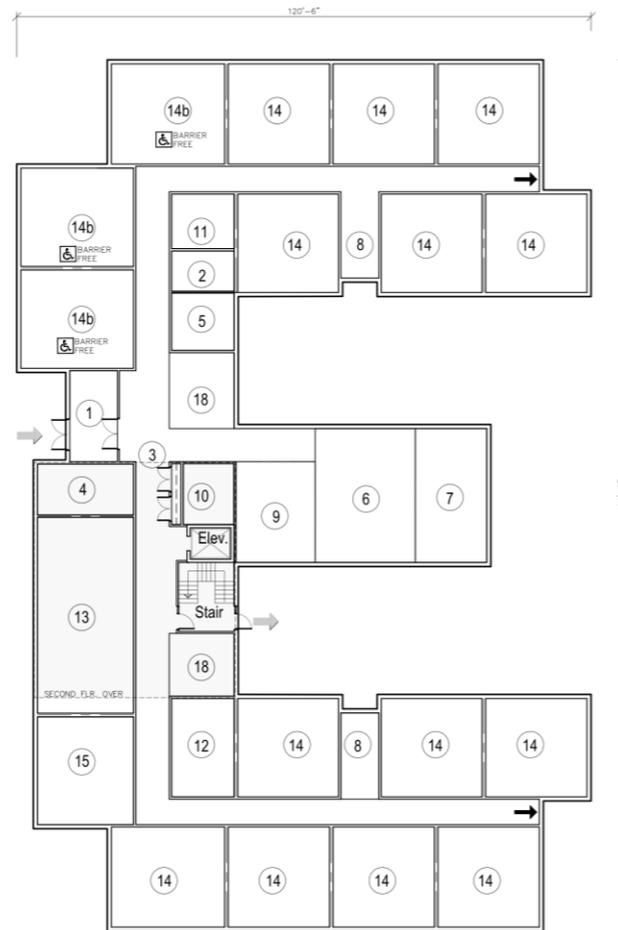
SOUTH (REAR) ELEVATION



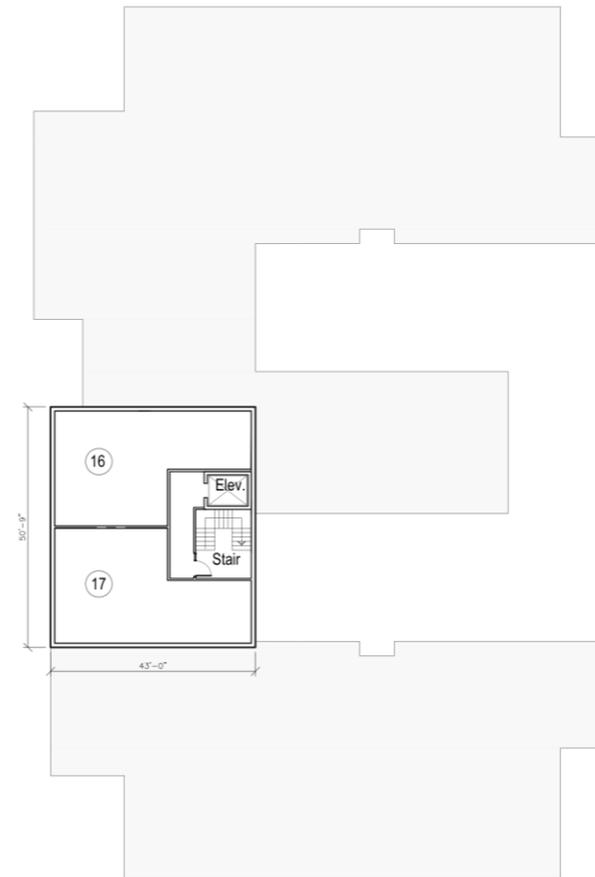
NORTH (FRONT) ELEVATION



BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN



GROUND FLOOR PLAN



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

Legend:

- 1. Main Entrance & Waiting (192 sq.ft.)
- 2. Universal Washroom (112 sq.ft.)
- 3. Coats (25 sq.ft.)
- 4. Manager's Office (217 sq.ft.)
- 5. Resident Service Room (160 sq.ft.)
- 6. Dining Room (594 sq.ft.)
- 7. Great Room (424 sq.ft.)
- 8. Small Sitting Room (146 sq.ft.)
- 9. Kitchen (353 sq.ft.)
- 10. Pantry (136 sq.ft.)
- 11. Laundry Room (151 sq.ft.)
- 12. Computer/Library (273 sq.ft.)
- 13. Meeting Room (833 sq.ft.)
- 14. Residential Home (450 sq.ft.)
- 14b. Barrier-Free Residential Home (500 sq.ft)
- 15. Visitor/Rental Home (458 sq.ft.)
- 16. Student Second Floor (700 sq.ft.)
- 17. Manager's Apartment Second Floor (700 sq.ft.)
- 18. Sitting Areas (Approx. 200 sq. ft.)

REV.	DATE	DESCRIPTION
1.	May 4/22	For Engage Engineering (re-issued)
2.	May 15/22	For Engage Engineering (re-issued)
3.	July 6/22	Issued for Re-Zoning

THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR SHALL CHECK AND VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS AND REPORT ALL ERRORS AND OMISSIONS TO THE ARCHITECT. THIS DRAWING SHALL NOT BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSES UNTIL SIGNED BY THE ARCHITECT.

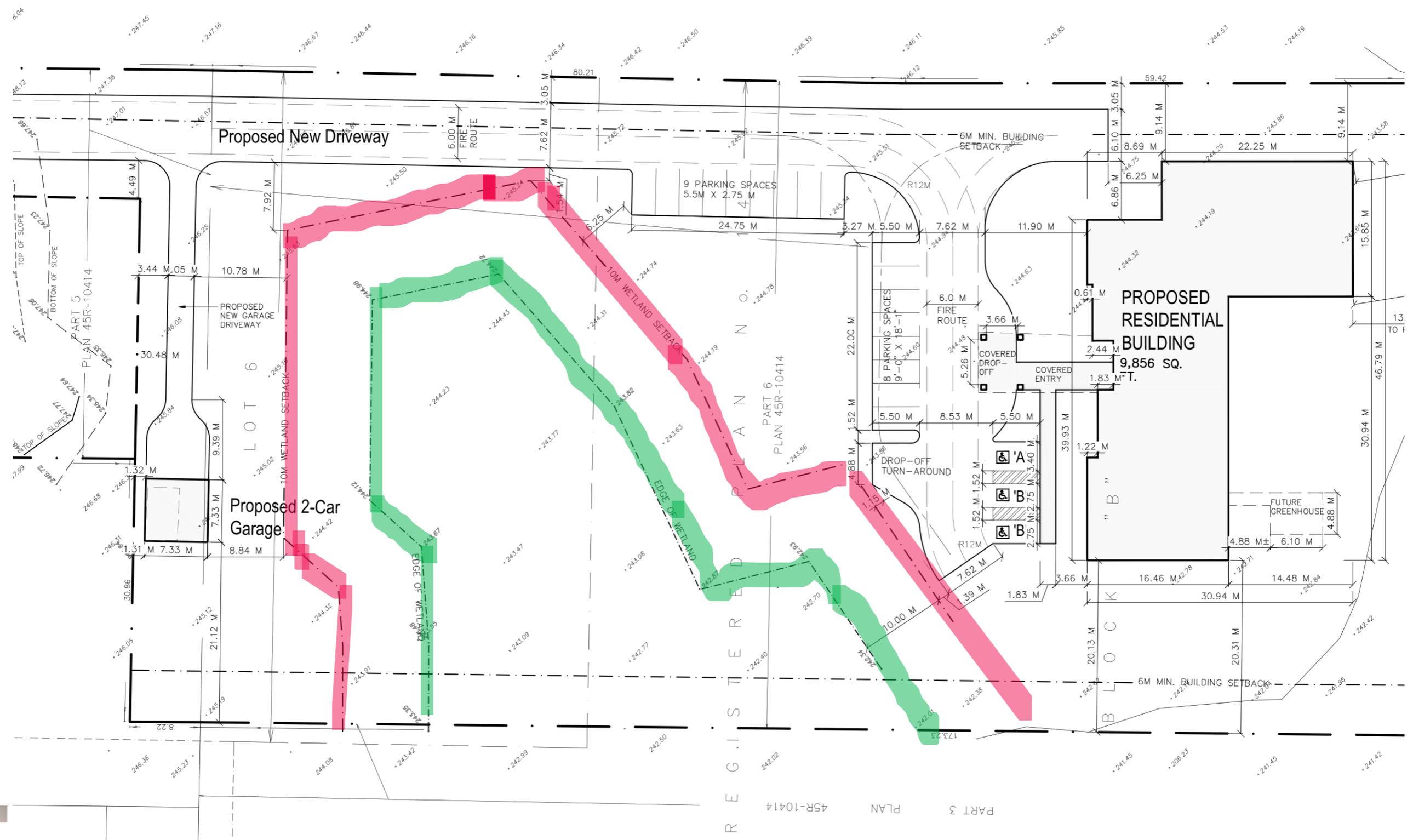
**CHRISTOPHER Z. TWORKOWSKI**  
ARCHITECT  
34 BRIDGE STREET, UNIT 3  
LAKEFIELD, ONT. K0L 2H0 705-652-1646

PROJECT TITLE: ABBEYFIELD HOUSE SOCIETY OF LAKEFIELD  
83 EMMINGER STREET, LAKEFIELD, ONTARIO  
**SCHEMATIC FLOOR PLANS**  
CONCEPTUAL ELEVATIONS

DATE ISSUED: JULY 6/22  
DATE DRAWN: JULY 6/22  
DRAWN BY: DRS  
CHECKED BY: CZT  
SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"  
PROJECT No: 2209  
SHEET No: A-1

# Development Challenges

- Property challenges forces a new building plan to include a full two storey House.
- Property elevation requires a sanitary pump station to move effluent from the house
- Additional engeneering costs to complete a grading plan to manage water on the property because of large amount of hard surfaces.
- These changes took another 6 months to complete.



PART 3 PLAN 45R-10414 REGISTERED PLAN 6

**ABBNEYFIELD RESIDENCE**

95 Ermatinger Street,  
Lakefield, Ontario  
K0L 2H0

CLIENT:

Marshall Design Studios



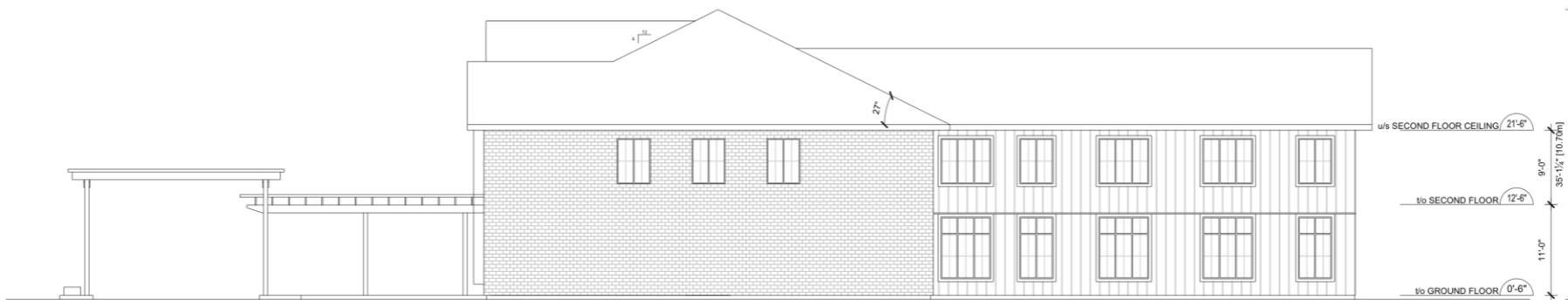
1480 Bath Rd, Suite 201  
Kingston-On, K7M 4X6  
Phone: (613) 542-2040  
www.asteriskengineering.com

ISSUED FOR	REV	DATE

**LEGENDS/NOTES:**  
Do not scale drawings. Refer to Architectural drawings for dimensions. All elevations /dimensions shall be verified with Architectural drawings and any discrepancy shall be reported immediately to consultant. Read this drawing in conjunction with ALL applicable Architectural, Structural, Mechanical, Electrical and other disciplines involved. This drawings are "design drawings" only and are not intended to be used as shop drawings.



**1 FRONT ELEVATION (NORTH)**  
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



**2 SIDE ELEVATION (WEST)**  
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



**3 SIDE ELEVATION (EAST)**  
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

STAMP:

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DRAWING TITLE:

**ELEVATIONS**

SCALE:	AS NOTED	UNITS:	in, UNO
DESIGN:	TC	CHECKED:	TC
DRAWN:	JC		

DATES:  
**JUNE 28, 2024**

PROJ. No.:	DWG No.:
<b>24-102</b>	<b>AR-04</b>

# Moving Forward

- AHSL completed all engineering, environmental studies and our conceptual site plan by June 2022.
- Planning justification, severance application, zoning change and official plan amendment were submitted in July 2022 for peer review.
- Township/County peer reviews application and provides feedback for any additional information required before going to the public meeting and council approval.
- After completing additional studies, our application for ZBA & OPA finally make it to public meetings in July & August 2023.
- I declared a perceived conflict of interest at the public meeting.

# Site Plan Approval - A

- Detailed site plan work was initiated in the fall of 2023
- Due to additional storm water management, hard surface and site servicing challenges within the site, it took significant time to complete the site plan.
- Site plan was submitted for peer review in summer of 2024 and returned to us in fall 2024 for additional work.

# Site Plan Approval - B

- Revised site plan was submitted for peer review in April 2025 and returned to us in June with additional minor changes requested.
- Revised site plan with final changes submitted to Selwyn planning Department in September 2025.
- After 8 years, thousands of volunteer hours and almost \$225K in planning costs, the plan was approved in October 2025!!!



# What's Next?

- Completed construction drawings by December 2025 at a cost of \$180K. Total pre-construction \$\$ in excess of \$400K.
- Class C Proforma (\$9M) for application submission to Build Canada Homes for construction financing has been completed
- Approval of financial package in April 2026 in negotiation
- Site clearing this fall/winter in readiness for construction early 2026, occupancy in fall 2027

# Capital Campaign

- AHSL engaged fundraising consultants to do a pre capital campaign assessment to confirm community support.
- The Assessment outcome supported a \$1.1M capital campaign goal would be feasible.
- \$500K in donations and \$600K in gifts in kind from construction service providers and naming rights within the House and property.
- Capital Campaign will start this spring 2026 after we receive support from Build Canada Homes.

# Municipalities Role in Affordable Housing

- 1. **\*\*Zoning and Land Use Policies\*\***: Adjust zoning regulations (exception zoning) to encourage the development of affordable housing in appropriate areas.
- 2. **\*\*Density Bonuses\*\***: Offer developers incentives, like increased density allowances, in exchange for building a certain percentage of affordable units.
- 3. **\*\*Land Acquisition\*\***: Acquire public land for affordable housing projects or partner with developers to utilize underutilized land.
- 4. **\*\*Financial Incentives\*\***: Provide grants, tax breaks, or low-interest IO loans to developers of affordable housing organizations.
- 5. **\*\*Streamlined Permitting\*\***: Simplify and expedite the permitting process for affordable housing projects to reduce costs and delays.

# Municipalities Role in Affordable Housing

- 6. **\*\*Inclusionary Zoning\*\***: Mandate that a certain percentage of units in new developments are affordable.
- 7. **\*\*Partnerships\*\***: Collaborate with nonprofit organizations, community land trusts, religious and ethnic organizations and private sector to jointly develop affordable housing.
- 8. **\*\*Supportive Policies\*\***: Develop policies that address transportation, infrastructure, and community services to make affordable rural housing areas more attractive.
- 9. **\*\*Mixed-Income Developments\*\***: Encourage mixed-income developments that combine affordable units with market-rate ones.

# The Next Abbeyfield in Canada



THE FUTURE HOME OF **ABBNEYFIELD LAKEFIELD**



**THANKS TO OUR TEAM**





Time  
to enjoy  
older age

Thank You!  
Questions?

[abbeyfieldlakefield.ca](http://abbeyfieldlakefield.ca)

18 January 2026

Housing Committee  
North Frontenac Township  
6648 Road 506, Plevna, ON  
K0H 2M0

**RE: Exploration of Funding and Partnership Opportunity Impacting Housing**

**Subject:** 11 Feb Housing Committee - strategic consideration provincial or federal funding

Dear Housing Committee,

For discussing, I am proposing that the Township strategically consider funding opportunities as either direct or indirect impacts on housing objectives of the Committee. The discussion is for consideration only.

In the absence of any well established, community based housing organizations in North Frontenac, federal housing funding may be the least likely target. For example, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) has changed their policies many times in recent years and so are somewhat unreliable from a planning perspective. Otherwise, public funding opportunities tend to be very specific and such opportunities can come and go quite quickly..

Strategies are somewhat as follows and aim to align municipal business readiness / investment with housing opportunities where applicable.

- All pending expenditures or asset allocations (e.g. land) on the part of the Township might be levered as an investment in housing and how they might link to creating housing opportunities. A funder might recognize these and co-invest.
- Direct collaboration with any private sector business investment, can facilitate either additional funding to the Township or the private sector partner. Additional funds can be levered to improve housing precursors (e.g. jobs, upgraded waste management septic systems etc)
- Projects can focus on identifying and supporting opportunities for local business development that influence housing. Such projects can include infrastructure improvements and partnerships that enhance North Frontenac's capacity to attract both investment and new residents and workers.

Some example ideas follow, along with links and summaries for a few funders.

Regards,

JP Melville

As above, a key element of this strategy is the opportunity to **combine funding with planned or preexisting private-sector investments and/or planned or preexisting municipal investments related to economic development.**

By aligning municipal and private efforts, the Township can maximize external funding impact, promote job creation, and prepare for new residential housing development in areas of economic growth.

Theoretical Examples:

- Township will or already plans to spend \$100,000 to improve a property to make it viable for housing development; funder contributes matching
- Private sector partner will or already plans to spend \$ x on expansion to create jobs; municipality partners to ensure adequate housing opportunities exist for new permanent employees within township
- Existing housing or short term rental property (ies) for sale, where expansion is possible, future buyer can be provided incentive if they collaborate with Township to build several additional, low cost living suites (e.g. funder contribution pays for renovations for three units and septic upgrades).
- Lots made available with basic servicing (ie electrical, snow plowing, road maintenance) for portable homes / tiny homes / semi-permanent micro homes etc.

Suggested Activities:

- Outreach to potential private sector partners (e.g. builders, real estate vendors, tourism, aggregates etc.)
- Outreach to representatives of various funds
- Review of planned Township investments and determine how these might be deemed eligible as matching funds to any funder
- Township support and encouragement to community groups to tackle housing in ways that suit their interests (including but not limited to community bonds, life lease investments etc.)
- Hold a quarterly forum with speakers for one year, open to public, on specific and of-interest topics to residents

## SAMPLE LIST FUNDS

I expect that Staff are well aware of most of these funds or sites.

I have included Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation for information only; many of the funds are closed, no longer available, or probably not relevant to the circumstances of North Frontenac.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/eastern-ontario-development-fund>

<https://feddev-ontario.canada.ca/en/funding-southern-ontario/funding-organizations-help-businesses-grow-southern-ontario-what-we-support>

<https://fcm.ca/en>

- <https://greenmunicipalfund.ca/funding/urban-forestry-plans-studies>
- <https://greenmunicipalfund.ca/sustainable-affordable-housing>

<https://frontenacbusiness.ca/business-loans-and-support-services/funding-opportunities>

<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca>

### Summary of EODF:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/eastern-ontario-development-fund>

The Eastern Ontario Development Fund (EODF) supports business growth and community economic development.

### Current Deadlines:

27 May 2026

23 September 2026

### Eligibility:

**Businesses** must have operated for at least three years, employ at least 10 people (or 5 in rural areas), invest a minimum of \$500,000 (\$200,000 in rural areas), and commit to job creation.

**Community projects, led by municipalities or sector organizations**, must invest at least \$100,000, show private-sector support, and produce measurable outcomes in job and business growth.

### Funding:

Business projects can receive up to 15% of project costs through loans (up to \$5 million, partly forgivable) or grants (up to \$1.5 million for strategic or rural projects).

Community projects may receive up to 50% of eligible costs, to a maximum of \$1.5 million.

Funding cannot be combined with other provincial programs.

### Application Process / Screen:

<https://www.ontario.ca/form/regional-development-program-community-economic-development-stream-eligibility-self-screener>

The Eastern Ontario Development Fund (EODF) is a provincial economic development program that provides financial support for projects and investments that:

- grow the economy of Eastern Ontario;
- create jobs;
- attract private sector investment;
- improve productivity and innovation;
- support community development initiatives. ([Ontario](#))

### 1. Community Economic Development Stream

Economic development initiatives that create measurable impacts, such as private sector investment, job creation, infrastructure improvements, innovation clusters, or business-attraction strategies.

### 2. Business Stream

Job creation.

### Summary of FEDDEV:

<https://feddev-ontario.canada.ca/en/funding-southern-ontario/funding-organizations-help-businesses-grow-southern-ontario-what-we-support>

FedDev Ontario supports not-for-profit organizations and municipalities in southern Ontario that foster business growth and community economic development.

This funding is heavily focussed on business growth, with some specific attention paid to small and rural communities:

“attract diversification and investment to small and rural communities”..

### Who can apply

Businesses, incorporated not-for-profit or community economic development organizations, municipalities in Southern Ontario

### Funding scale

- Project-based, with applicants normally requesting \$125,000 up to \$10 million per project in funding.
- FedDev Ontario typically covers up to ~50% of eligible project costs; applicants must provide matching funding (cash or in-kind).
- Repayable contributions (often interest-free) are common depending on the program structure.

### Eligible outcomes

Projects must lead to incremental economic impacts such as:

- Job creation and retention
- Revenue growth or productivity gains
- Innovation uptake or commercialization support
- Enhanced business support capacity within the community