

What We Heard

At our last meeting, you told us what your criteria for a good building...

Building Design

The building should contain a variety of unit types to accommodate singles and couples as well as seniors of varying abilities. It should be designed to create an integrated community but provide for adequate privacy as well. This should include balconies and outdoor seating areas. The building should be high quality, made out of concrete and steel and use energy efficient and green building technology. High quality lighting and ventilation will help make the building a comfortable and inviting place.

Siting and Landscaping

The building should create an attractive interface with the community and provide private outdoor areas such as rear or central courtyards for the residents. The location of the building and orientation of balconies should respect neighbour's privacy. It should be designed with a nice and

accessible area for people to be picked up and dropped off and the site should be landscaped with lots of trees, shrubs and some attractive walkways. Some of this landscaping should be accessible to the public and visitors. Parking should be underground, if possible, and away from side yards.

Community Amenities

This project could incorporate some desirable commercial space such as a dollar store, a daycare, beauty parlour, grocery store, gift shop, pharmacy or health service center. It could also include indoor community space, such as a public kitchen. Outdoor community space such as landscaped walkways, community gardens and a lawn bowling pitch were also suggested. The space should invite residents, their guests and the broader community to interact.

Resident Amenities

Many different amenities were suggested, from typical features such as a library and shuffleboard to more unique offerings such as a workshop and a rooftop greenhouse.

Services such as a recreation coordinator, on-site medical staff and pub nights were also mentioned. There was also a general interest in ensuring the residents enjoyed a functional and secure environment, with air conditioning, Wi-Fi, and security cameras. A number of participants also suggested guest rooms for out-of-town visitors as well.

Cost

Some participants were concerned about the project not being affordable enough to accommodate low-income seniors, while others were concerned that income caps would restrict wealthier seniors.

Transportation

The building should meet its parking needs on site without street parking and have good public transit access.

