William Baker Neighbourhood – Phase Three Consultations **York Centre Seniors Steering Committee** Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams Meetings

Thursday, December 3, 2020, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

MEETING SUMMARY

Participants

York Centre Seniors Steering Committee (Elizabeth Jassem, Josie Casciato, Rina Camarra, Aleksandra Jassem), with guests (Donna Thomson, Irwin Elman) MP Ya'ara Saks office (Jeremy Shindman) City of Toronto Planning Staff (Ben DiRaimo) Canada Lands Company (James Cox, Matt Miklas) Swerhun Inc. (Nicole Swerhun, Matthew Wheatley), engagement facilitators retained by Canada Lands

This summary was written by Swerhun Inc. and provides a review of the key topics discussed in the conversation; it is not intended to be a verbatim transcript. The summary was reviewed by participants at the meeting and edits suggested by Elizabeth Jassem have been incorporated here.

In preparation for the meeting, Swerhun Inc. created a chart that summarized the priorities related to the future of seniors in the William Baker neighbourhood that have been shared by participants in the engagement process to date, as well as the perspectives on these priorities shared by Canada Lands. An empty column was included for completion by the YC SSC to share their perspectives on the public feedback and Canada Lands response. Before the meeting, Elizabeth completed the table using red and blue text and circulated to all participants, focusing largely on the YC SSC's interest in:

- having a "YC SSC Seniors' Health Village (SHVTM) as a Pilot Model at William Baker, with the YC SSC co-creating and co-producing the SHVTM during implementation and post-implementation for/in compromised alternative detailed plan done next and separately with the City of Toronto (to be determined)"; and
- "actively working together with Canada Lands and with the City-led District Application Review process".

ATTACHMENT 1: Table created by Swerhun to summarize public feedback to date related to seniors in the future William Baker Neighbourhood, with blue and red text provided by YC SSC

ATTACHMENT 2: Slides prepared and shared by YC SSC (updated based on Elizabeth's December 16, 2020 request)

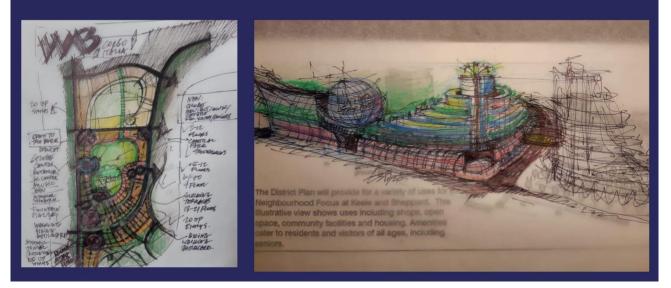
SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK

 YC SSC asked for this meeting because they feel that the emerging District Plan shared by Canada Lands and the schematics generated by Canada Lands' consultants do not align with what the YC SSC would like to see at William Baker. Elizabeth presented slides that shared the YC SSC's vision for a human-centred project coming from their grassroots initiative, including a sketch of an alternative proposed William Baker District Plan concept design that they would like Canada Lands to consider (see below – excerpts from YC SSC presentation).

In the words of Elizabeth in response to the draft meeting summary:

- "YC SSC has constantly expressed our readiness to co-create and co-produce best mixed-use development through inclusive collaboration created/developed with/under Canada Lands patronage."
- "YC SSC presented original sketches of the initial design concept envisioned by Elizabeth Jassem and addressing the community's desire for a quiet neighbourhood, zero/minimal car access, no drive-through, easy access to nature, innovative architecture, etc., which is a result of working with community volunteers and advocacy groups. While the design is protected as Elizabeth's Intellectual Property (IP), she is willing to develop her idea for YC SSC Seniors' Health Village (SHV[™]) further in partnership with Canada Lands, yet Canada Lands and the Planning Partnership are not allowed to use all presented ideas/concepts without the author's permission."

NEW YC SSC PROPOSED CONCEPT DESIGN AS PREFERRED COMMUNITY SOLUTION



CURRENT CANADA LANDS PROPOSAL



Elizabeth described the YC SCC's alternative concept as different than the current Canada Lands District Plan thinking in a few important ways:

- it removes the new internal road connecting Sheppard Ave West and Keele that crosses the bottom portion of the site;
- it is more organically designed than what Canada Lands proposes;
- it considers social, environmental, and economic outcomes;
- it proposes development along the entire east side of Keele and proposes a building (the Globe) and programming that will help address safety concerns because it would be a place for community gathering and education and relationship building across generations;
- it is a vision that the YC SSC feels they own; and
- it is different than what's included in the City's Downsview Area Secondary Plan because, as a result of the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the lessons learned, it's important to revisit and challenge previous conclusions.

Other points from YC SSC included:

- YC SSC is looking at acquiring 8-10 acres and have an active role in the future shaping of a seniors village at William Baker that is intergenerational and also is inspired by the work with seniors in Europe (like the Dementia Village in Amsterdam).
- YC SSC has many potential partners/supporters. Some have told YC SSC that they can only move forward if YC SSC secures land at William Baker.
- YC SSC is interested in accessing funds and Canada Lands dedicating/giving land at William Baker to the YC SSC.
- From a process perspective, YC SSC is concerned that the COVID-19 pandemic has limited the amount of community participation in the consultation process and not enough people know about the project.
- YC SSC indicated that the District Plan application is important, as is moving forward to implementation.

In the words of Elizabeth in response to the draft meeting summary:

- "YC SSC is ready to bring all our supporting partners working contacts to the table, as soon as we establish a model for our collaboration, co-creation, and co-production of the right vision for circa 1500 residential units in 21-centry mixed-used development (Phase 1) located at William Baker."
- "YC SSC, along with our potential partners, is able to raise funds to acquire 8-10 acres+ to be able to secure William Baker land for our community and realize its vision."
- "Meanwhile, starting from 2021, YC SSC proposes to Canada Lands to consider working together while helping the City towards creating and opening the YC SSC Community Health Design Centre with our well established and successful partners who already expressed their strong interest in it. The Centre will help communicate instantly with community to improve the consultation process and awareness of the William Baker (Phase 1) project. The new YC SSC Community Health Design Centre would also serve Northcrest's needs for future developments through their own consultation phases: creation, design, and implementation for Downsview. And, everybody will be happy!"
- "Due to COVID-19 we need to revisit and to adjust the plan for urgent community needs (all governments are doing this since March 2020) and reshape the City's Secondary Plan to preserve flexibility in the District Plan. We've been always saying how huge work we must do!"
- 2. YC SSC guests, Donna and Irwin, shared opportunities to be considered going forward, including:
 - Have as a core principle the interest in supporting caring relationships because these are key to having a good life; ensuring everyone is able to contribute to the community; think about creating opportunities for communities to come together; and think about how people can live within a concept of family.
 - Work to build trust between Canada Lands, the YC SSC, young people, and others in the process; consider creating an advisory group of seniors (for example), since seniors don't live on-site.
- 3. James explained that from Canada Lands perspective:
 - the comments from the YC SSC continue to be very helpful as Canada Lands continues its work to refine the emerging District Plan;
 - much of what the YC SSC is looking for is accommodated in the emerging District Plan for William Baker;
 - it is very important that Canada Lands work within the framework of the City's Secondary Plan and preserve flexibility in the District Plan to be able to best respond to proposals from potential future development partners;
 - Canada Lands has a process for securing development partners, and that process is driven by balancing financial return and the contribution the development can make to the community;

- Before identifying development partners, Canada Lands undertakes a comprehensive community consultation process and secures approval of a plan to be implemented by the development partners;
- Canada Lands holds an open process when seeking development partners; and
- YC SSC can and will be welcome to participate in that process on their own or with other partners.
- 4. Ben DiRaimo from the City Planning explained that it is the City's responsibility to review the application from Canada Lands. To address the safety concerns raised by YC SSC, the City considers Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).

NEXT STEPS

James Cox thanked Elizabeth and all participants for making the time to continue discussions regarding William Baker. He confirmed his interest in a follow-up meeting with the YC SSC (and its potential partners) to introduce and explain the process that Canada Lands works through when looking for development partners.

Elizabeth also thanked everyone for participating and expressed interest in a follow-up meeting to discuss how YC SSC and Canada Lands can help each other meet their goals, and to formulate an alternative compromised solution for William Baker.

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Priorities related to seniors in the future William Baker neighbourhood	Public feed back	Canada Lands	Perspective of YC SSC
OVERALL			
1. Seniors at William Baker	~	~	YC SSC SENIORS' HEALTH VILLAGE (SHV™) as Pilot Model: YC SSC Co- creating & Co- producing, during implement/post implement also, for/in compromised alternative detailed plan done next and separately w/the City (TBD)
2. Intergenerational neighbourhood	~	~	YC SSC SENIORS' HEALTH VILLAGE (SHV™) as Pilot Model: YC SSC Co- creating & Co- producing, during implement/post implement also, for/in compromised alternative detailed plan done next and separately w/the City (TBD)
 Creating Equitable, All Inclusive- Age-Friendly Livable & Complete Communities 			"
 After COVID-19 To Create Healthy Buildings to All: WELL & RHF Community Standard Canada Pilot - Role of research: Climate Change, Disease Prevention, Risk Management, Health Promotion 			YC SSC SENIORS' HEALTH VILLAGE (SHV™) as Pilot Model: YC SSC Co- creating & Co- producing, during implement/post implement also, for/in compromised alternative detailed plan done next and separately withe City (TBD)
 WELL Building Standard Strategies to support in the fight agai 			"
6. nst covit-19 and next epidemics 7. Prevention & Preparedness, Resilience & Recovery			"
8. Foster Mental Health & Resilience			"
9. Champion Community Resilience & Recovery			"
10. Evidence- Based Approach to help support spaces that advance health & Safety			"
TRANSPORTATION			
11. Safe and walkable community, separate pedestrian from bikes	~	~	#1Priority; Not always pedestrian /bike separation. YC SSC SENIORS' HEALTH VILLAGE (SHV™) as Pilot Model: YC SSC Co- creating & Co- producing, during implement/post implement also, for/in compromised alternative detailed plan done next and separately w/the City (TBD)

Summary of feedback regarding seniors and Canada Lands' Response DRAFT Prep for Dec 3, 2020 meeting between YC SSC and Canada Lands

12. Prioritize People, Not Cars; Champion using smaller electrical cars/min buses			"
MIX OF USES			
13. Co-locate seniors with young people (e.g. daycare) and/or other facilities (e.g. school)	~	Interested/open to this, depends on support from co-locating organizations	No school needed/better use of exist. Not always/YC SSC SENIORS' HEALTH VILLAGE (SHV™) as Pilot Model: YC SSC Co- creating & Co- producing, during implement/post implement also, for/in compromised alternative detailed plan done next and separately w/the City (TBD)
14. Locate seniors buildings close to each other, amenities, the future community centre, and Downsview Park	~	Interested/open to considering this	YC SSC SENIORS' HEALTH VILLAGE (SHV [™]) as Pilot Model: YC SSC Co- creating & Co- producing, during implement/post implement also, for/in compromised alternative detailed plan done next and separately w/the City (TBD)
PARKS & OPEN SPACE			
15. Accessible green spaces for seniors, with benches, equipment and other amenities to support seniors' activities and healthy living	~	~	Strong/integrated delivery: YC SSC SENIORS' HEALTH VILLAGE (SHV [™]) as Pilot Model: YC SSC Co- creating & Co- producing, during implement/post implement also, for/in compromised alternative detailed plan done next and separately w/the City (TBD)
16. Seniors-serving services and amenities	~	~	YC SSC working contact points: Baycrest & Revera for new LTC model stds YC SSC SENIORS' HEALTH VILLAGE (SHV [™]) as Pilot Model: YC SSC Co- creating & Co- producing, during implement/post implement also, for/in compromised alternative detailed plan done next and separately w/the City (TBD)
17. Modern & Creative Spaces for kids and elders: Music Arts & New Video Forms and Entertainment			YC SSC SENIORS' HEALTH VILLAGE (SHV [™]) as Pilot Model: YC SSC Co- creating & Co- producing, during implement/post implement also, for/in compromised alternative detailed plan done next and separately w/the City (TBD)
18. Architectural Culture & Character: Residential, Build Form, Sculptures reflecting community uniqueness and tradition)			"
19. Piazza-like open space with lots of space for seniors to sit	~	Part of proposed public realm and open space framework	Strong integrated delivery: YC SSC SENIORS' HEALTH VILLAGE (SHV [™]) as Pilot Model: YC SSC Co- creating & Co- producing, during implement/post implement also for/in compromised alternative detailed plan done next and separately w/the City (TBD)

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HOUSING			
20. Affordable housing for seniors	~	~	YC SSC working contact points: Option for Homes / Mayor's initiative/Affordable Modular Housing for new model stds+; YC SSC SENIORS' HEALTH VILLAGE (SHV™) as Pilot Model: YC SSC Co- creating & Co- producing, during implement/post implement also for/in compromised alternative detailed plan done next and separately w/the City (TBD)
21. Inclusive Wayfinding Standard Development in housing context			"
22. Prioritize lower rise housing forms for seniors	~	~	Not always: YC SSC SENIORS' HEALTH VILLAGE (SHV™) as Pilot Model: YC SSC Co- creating & Co- producing, during implement/post implement also for/in compromised alternative detailed plan done next and separately w/the City (TBD)
23. Prioritize not-for-profit providers	~	Opportunities for both for- profit and not- for-profit	HOLISTC APPROACH: YC SSC working contact points: Baycrest & Revera for new LTC model stds YC SSC SENIORS' HEALTH VILLAGE (SHV™) as Pilot Model: YC SSC Co- creating & Co- producing, , during implement/post implement also, for/in compromised alternative detailed plan done next and separately w/the City (TBD)
24. Create a Seniors Health Village (SHV [™]) exclusively for seniors	~	Open and receptive to this, through development opportunity/sale s process	YC SSC envisioned SENIORS' HEALTH VILLAGE (SHV™) as Pilot Model: for 1000-1500 res units; YC SSC Co- creating & Co- producing, during implement/post implement also, for/in compromised alternative detailed plan done next and separately w/the City (TBD)
25. Adapt neuroscience as organics into modular housing for the elderly air forces veterans Seniors Health Village (SHV™) as City's Pilot Model			YC SSC envisioned SENIORS' HEALTH VILLAGE (SHV™) as Pilot Model: for 1000-1500 res units; YC SSC Co- creating & Co- producing, during implement/post implement also, for/in compromised alternative detailed plan done next and separately w/the City (TBD)
26. Take innovative approach to seniors (e.g. Dementia Village, like in Amsterdam)	~	Open and receptive to these suggestions, with insight and advice from governments and agencies with experience delivering these facilities	YC SSC envisioned SENIORS' HEALTH VILLAGE (SHV™) as Pilot Model: (City) for 1000-1500 res units; YC SSC working contact points: Nederland Consulate +; YC SSC Co- creating & Co- producing, during implement/post implement also, for/in compromised alternative detailed plan done next and separately w/the City (TBD)

PROCESS				
27. YC SSC and partner(s) interested in bidding on potential projects/lands at William Baker	~	~	~	
28. Desire from YC SSC to actively participate in the design process	~	City-led application review process	In early 2019, YC SSC envisioned SENIORS' HEALTH VILLAGE (SHV™) as MODEL (City pilot) for 1000-1500 res units; YC SSC be a part of the winning solution for Co- creating & Co- producing, during implement /post implement also) for/in compromised alternative detailed plan done next and separately w/the City (TBD) City-led application review process	
29. Continued consultation of seniors	~	City-led application review process	YC SC Team as part of actively working together w/CLC team and w/City-led application review process	
OTHER?				
30. Phasing and Completion Strategic Plan Development			YC SC Team as part of actively working together w/CLC team and w/City-led application review process	
<u>URGENT NOTE</u> : YC SSC proposed to CLC to add as new = typed here in red colour				
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ATTACHMENT 2: Slides prepared and shared by YC SSC



York Centre Seniors Steering Committee

A non- for- profit organization providing focused on the quality of life for seniors with an inter-generational approach through proactive research, creative design, implementation and evaluation of exceptional, ethical, compassionate, safe and inclusive services for the elder community.









HISTORY AND MISSION

As of 2018, we have been a federally incorporated organization (YC SSC) York Centre Seniors Steering Committee with our Purpose of Corporation role to protect seniors citizens' rights by providing leadership to implement to the quality of their life.

We're proposing a community-led, co- created and coproduced Seniors Health Village (SHV™) at William Baker as preferred - priority to CLC to work collaboratively with YC SSC on new mixed- use project development for approximately 1000- 1500 residential units and health services on 8-10 acres.

Our envisioned project for the improvement of older adults and seniors in the area we live, is completely supported by a wellestablished community in Ward 6, as well as City Councillors the Canadian government.





WHO WE ARE

ELIZABETH JASSEM

President & Co-Founder, (YC SSC) York Centre Seniors Steering Committee.

A social architect and activist with a Master's Degree in Architecture and Urban Planning and National Award for thesis "Petropolis - a Life on the Ocean Waves" published in Offshore Magazine, with over 35 years of intl. cross-disciplinary experience, including formation & implementation of Universal Accessibility Design Standards for TD Canada Trust nationwide merger, also creation, management and project management execution for (TCHC) Toronto Community Housing Corp. of UD (ADDA) Accessibility Standards, policies & procedures improving over 180K residents life across City of Toronto.

JOSIE CASCIATO

Co-Founder and Secretary, (YC SSC) York Centre Seniors Steering Committee

DLCV Association with 20 years of volunteer work keeping the community informed.

ALEKSANDRA JASSEM

Exe. Director of Communications , (YC SSC) York Centre Seniors Steering Committee.

Co-Founder and Creative Director at The Rebel Mama, Co-Author: The Handbook for (Cool) Moms & Get Your \$HIT Together (Harper Collins) with education and experience in digital marketing, social media promotion and event planning.

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WHAT WE PROPOSE

In 2000, former Prime Minister Jean Chrétien promised the William Baker land to be used for the improvement of seniors and community at large in the North York / Downsview area. Since then, much has been said but not much has been done. We want to propose a SENIORS HEALTH VILLAGE that will not only benefit the people who need it most.



YC SSC

Our Supporters / Partners

BAYCREST CENTRE

RICK HANSEN FOUNDATION INTL FEDERATION OF AGEING DOWNSVIEW LANDS COMMUNITY VOICE ASSOCIATION (DLCVA) BETTER BUILDINGS PARTNERSHIP, CITY OF TORONTO INCLUSIVE DESIGN RESEARCH CENTRE, OCAD UNIVERSITY BERNARD BETEL CENTRE FOR SENIORS BERNARD BETEL CENTRE FOR SENIORS LUMACARE DOWNSVIEW SERVICES FOR SENIORS UNISON HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES LUMACARE DOWNSVIEW SERVICES FOR SENIORS WILSON VILLAGE BIA DUKE HEIGHTS BIA HOUSE OF COMMONS CANADA TORONTO WARD 6 YORK CENTRE THE REBEL MAMA

A BRIEF:

SINCE 2018, THE YC SSC HAS BEEN WORKING TIRELESSLY TO UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF ITS COMMUNITY AND COMMUNICATING THOSE DEMANDS TO THE MUNICIPAL, PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH TOWN HALL SUMMITS AND MULTIPLE MEETINGS

DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE LOSSES OUR CITIZENS HAVE SUFFERED DUE TO POOR SENIOR TREATMENT, IT HAS NEVER BEEN MORE APPARENT AND URGENT TO PUT TOGETHER AN ACTION PLAN TO CHANGE THE WAY WE LIVE, AND MOVE FORWARD TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

THOSE WHO STAND BY US AND WANT TO SEE THIS CHANGE HAVE OFFERED IMMENSE INSIGHT AND SUPPORT.



What we hope to achieve:

KEHILLA RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

COMMUNITY FOCUSED DEVELOPMENTS

ALL-INCLUSIVE COMPLETE COMMUNITY

ACCESSIBLE AND AGE-FRIENDLY SPACE FOR COMMUNITY

INNOVATIVE AND PURPOSEFUL DESIGN SOLUTIONS

IMPROVEMENT OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WELL-BEING BY OFFERING SOCIALIZATION, LEARNING, EXERCISE, OUTDOOR SPACE, LOCAL SHOPS ETC. THAT WILL COUNTERACT DEPRESSION AND LONELINESS AMONGST ELDERS.

CLIMATE CHANGE SUPPORT

ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY SUSTAINABLE LIVING

ENERGY EFFICIENT PLANNING

How we hope to achieve it:

BY COLLABORATING ON A NEW KIND OF SENIOR LIVING VILLAGE THAT ADDRESSES THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF THE AREA.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE CURRENT PROPOSED CLC PLAN DOES NOT MEET THE STANDARDS OF THE SENIOR COMMUNITY AND WE WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN CONSULTING AND WORKING ALONGSIDE THE CITY AND IT'S PLANNERS TO ENSURE OUR NEEDS ARE MET.



Predictions About the Future of Assisted Living

- BOOM IN HOME HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE
- ECO-FRIENDLY SENIOR LIVING
- AN INCREASE IN AMENITES FOR SENIORS
- MULTI-GENERATIONAL HOUSING OPTIONS
- MORE SENIOR-FRIENDLY NEIGHBOURHOODS
- SENIOR CO-HOUSING
- SENIORS HELPING SENIORS/NEIGHBOURS
- THE DECLINE OF NURSING HOME MODEL
- THE RISE OF TECHNOLOGY IN SENIOR CARE





THE FUTURE OF SENIOR LIVING

FORWARD-THINKING CONCEPTS

<u>De Hogewerk</u>, operated by nursing home Hogewery, is a gated model village in Weesp. Netherlands. It has been designed specifically as a pioneening care facility for elderly people with dementia. The benefit of using all-day reminiscence; therapy at Hogewery, compared to traditional nursing homes, is that the residents with dementia and the second second

MULTI-GENERATIONAL LIVING

The Humanitas – "Apartments for Life" community in Rotterdam, Netherlands is a great example of multigenerational living that allows seniors to feel useful and engaged in the community around them while still benefitting from care services and communal living.

URBAN CORE EXCITEMENT

The <u>Stories at Congressional Plaza</u> in Maryland, USA is a rental community that doesn't focus on age, but rather the idea that communities should inspire people of any age and stage to explore "what's next." It's a supportive community that will rely on the walkability and accessibility of its location and services that support personal well being.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Communities like <u>Beacon Hill Village</u> in Boston, USA have flourished for years now. Perhaps this model can serve as inspiration for developing new communities that allow seniors to actively participate in their communities. This may be a model that also helps with affordability.

We also hope to work inclusively with youth with all disabilities to create a solid working environment whe they can flourish and contribute. They will live/work and play (entertain) in our WB SHV village.

REENA confirmed already 10% of affordable/accessible units to them only. So, what we do it is not a theory. It's a fantastic reality!



CURRENT CANADA LANDS PROPOSAL

Emerging District Plan Land Use Concept

- Distribute public open space across the entire neighbourhood
- Preserve significant natural heritage elements of the
- woodlotProvide a mix of
- housing
 Locate a strong Neighbourhood Focus at Keele and
- Sheppard, close to bus services and other retail







NEW YC SSC PROPOSED CONCEPT DESIGN AS PREFERRED COMMUNITY SOLUTION





WHAT MAKES THE YS SCC SENIOR VILLAGE DIFFERENT

What we are proposing is a high-level concept that will optimize senior living and bring it into the future. By focusing on community needs, integrating nature and designing with purpose and impact, YS SCC hopes to integrate the needs and demands of the modern-day senior citizen while offering something sustainable that will benefit the community for years to come.





WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOU TO BRING THIS IDEA TO LIFE! WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER.

- we would like to continue with community outreach and gathering information on specific needs of those in the area and will be putting together a group of citizens in the Downsview area who are concerned about their future.

- we would like to actively consult on research for creating detailed planning and design, also during the implementation process for the community Seniors Health Village at William Baker to ensure our needs are met.

- we trust our proposed new concept will be taken into serious consideration through formal engagement as partners and further arrangement will follow for research engagement, design development and implementation phase.

NEXT STEPS









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