



## New Indigenous Women's Shelter at 68 Sheppard Ave W

**Address:** 68 Sheppard Avenue West

**Service Operator:** Native Women's Resource Centre of Toronto (NWRCT)

**Resident Group:** Indigenous Women and Indigenous Women with Children

**Anticipated Capacity:** Approx. 80 Spaces

**Opening Date:** 2028

The City of Toronto and Native Women's Resource Centre of Toronto (NWRCT) are pleased to announce that the new shelter being built at 68 Sheppard Ave West that will serve Indigenous Women and Indigenous Women and their children.

This shelter is part of the Council-approved Homelessness Services Capital Infrastructure Strategy (HSCIS), which aims to open up to 20 new shelters city-wide by 2033. These sites will help respond to demand for shelter space and stabilize the system.

### Join Us for a Meet and Greet

To learn more information and to provide feedback, you are cordially invited to attend.

**Date:** Tuesday July 8, 2025

**Time:** 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

**Location:** North York Civic Centre,  
Council Chambers  
5100 Yonge St, North York, ON  
M2N 5V7

**Please register to attend at:**  
[toronto.ca/68Sheppard](https://toronto.ca/68Sheppard)

Registration is strongly encouraged to help us understand how many people would like to attend.

Send in any questions in advance of the information session to  
[68sheppard@gmail.com](mailto:68sheppard@gmail.com)

# More than Just a Bed

The shelter at 68 Sheppard Ave W will be the City's first municipal shelter for Indigenous women experiencing homelessness, with spaces for Indigenous women with children as well to improve their well-being and find and keep stable housing as quickly as possible.

Once operational, the program will be staffed 24 hours a day and will provide all meals and laundry, on-site medical care, and specialized cultural programming for Indigenous women and their children. Case managers will work with women so that they can build housing plans. The program will also provide important wrap-around services, such as income supports, employment and education training, and referrals to other community services.

## Site Selection

Indigenous homelessness continues to be a significant issue in Toronto, as Indigenous peoples are overrepresented within the shelter system and experiences of homelessness in the city. Currently, there is a gap in shelter spaces for Indigenous women and families in the City's shelter system.

City Council has delegated authority to staff to approve and develop new locations so that the City can quickly respond to shelter system pressures and ensure as many people as possible can access critical services and supports.



## Who is Native Women's Resource Centre of Toronto (NWRCT)?

Native Women's Resource Centre of Toronto (NWRCT) provides a safe and welcoming environment for all Indigenous women and their children in the Greater Toronto Area.

NWRCT's programs offer wrap around blanket services to address and support Basic Needs, Housing, Families, Advocacy, Employment, Education, Healing from Trauma, and Access to Ceremonies and Traditional Practitioners/Healers.

NWRCT aims to build confidence and capacity within the collective community, including hosting a variety of Cultural Activities for our clients and the general public, including the Minaake Awards, Sisters In Spirit Vigil, and Winter Solstice

## Working with the Community

The City is committed to working with the community to support the success of the site.

The City has hired Community Engagement Facilitator Joe Mihevc to lead the community engagement process. This includes providing ongoing shelter updates, responding to questions, and working collaboratively with the City local Councillor and community members to collectively problem-solve concerns that may arise.

**To Learn More, Engage, Support, and Make Suggestions:**

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