

Fall Update 2020

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Dear Friends,

We've had another exciting and busy fall as we continue to work at creating more affordable housing in Waterloo Region.

Our fall newsletter is a chance to share with you a number of things that have taken place over the past few months. You are receiving this update because you have supported the creation of affordable housing through MennoHomes. **Thank you!**

With over 6,000 households on the Community Waiting List in Waterloo Region, the need for safe, appropriate, and affordable housing has never been greater. MennoHomes is responding by creating new projects and strengthening some existing ones.

Please be sure to click the links below that will provide more detailed information for our various updates.

You are also welcome to contact me directly at ddriedger@mennohomes.com or 226-476-2535.



Dan Driedger
Executive Director



Stronger Together with Waterloo Mennonite Homes

Waterloo Mennonite Homes came about by the vision and determination of members of Waterloo-Kitchener United Mennonite Church. In 1975, a group of senior members of the church

wanted to explore the possibility of building a senior's apartment near the church. The land next to the church was purchased and after some initial delays, the building was completed in October 1980.

In 2019, the board began exploring opportunities to develop new affordable housing in Waterloo. They were aware that MennoHomes was in the midst of developing a new project at 544 Bridgeport Road East in Kitchener and inquired about a potential partnership. In conversation with MennoHomes, both organizations realized that bringing the two like-minded organizations together would help to ensure the long-term viability of all their housing. It would also allow them to combine their resources more effectively to create even more affordable housing in Waterloo Region.

On November 30th, 2020 the property was transferred to MennoHomes but the legacy of Waterloo Mennonite Homes remains. The apartment building will continue to be referred to as Waterloo Mennonite Homes, and a number of plaques within the building will honour that history. MennoHomes is humbled by the confidence that the board of Waterloo Mennonite Homes placed in them to be good caretakers of this property. It is a responsibility we take seriously and will do our utmost to honour.

Read the full Canadian Mennonite Article [HERE](#)



New Affordable Housing Project in Kitchener

MennoHomes' new affordable housing project at 544 Bridgeport Road East in Kitchener is getting closer to completion. Construction has progressed well over the summer and fall months. The milder weather throughout most of October and November was very helpful as we worked at laying the bricks on the outside of the building, putting the roof on, and installing the site services.

We are pleased to share that we remain on schedule for completion in June 2021 and anticipate people moving into their new homes throughout July and August.

The new building will have 48 residential homes with a mix of one and two-bedroom units. The waiting list for affordable housing in Waterloo Region has grown to over 6,000 households in the past year.

The \$5 million *A Place to Call Home* capital campaign was launched earlier this year to raise the funds necessary to complete this project. If you have already made a donation or pledge, **thank you!** Your financial support is making a difference. And if you haven't yet, we invite you to support our efforts and join us in responding to the need for affordable housing.

[Click here to learn more about this new project.](#)

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Annual General Meeting

While we won't be able to meet in person this year, we are looking forward to hosting our virtual AGM on Wednesday, January 27, 2021.

Details to follow.