

Ellwood House Extension



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Architect's concept of the view from Braeside Avenue (Source: Colizza Bruni Architecture)

Project Description

Ellwood House (Ottawa) Inc. is assessing a potential extension to the existing Ellwood House building at 2270 Braeside Avenue on the St. Thomas campus. The proposed building can accommodate up to 38 one-bedroom accessible apartment units. The project team is also investigating the possibility of including some two-bedroom units. All of these suites will be universally accessible and feature wide doorways, walk-in showers and storage/charging stations for wheelchairs and scooters. Five units are intended to be fully barrier-free with roll-in showers and adjustable countertops. The building is anticipated to be four storeys, with the first floor being a “garden level,” which would be partially below grade due to the slope on the site. The architects for this project are Colizza Bruni, who designed the original Ellwood House building and are committed to creating a design that reflects the look and feel of the existing community.

The Need

This development responds to the need in the community for affordable and safe housing for seniors. This need is well documented. It is evidenced locally in the City of Ottawa’s “10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan” and the needs assessment completed for the Ellwood House Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Business Plan (2016.) There are currently more than 2,250 senior households on the City’s Central Housing Registry. On January 29, 2020, the City of Ottawa declared homelessness a state of emergency, and the COVID-19 crisis has highlighted the strong need for affordable housing in our community. Ellwood House answers this need daily and through this project, the partners – Ellwood House, the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, and the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa – will continue to provide a home for those who need it most.

Project Vision

Ellwood House (Ottawa) Inc. is a non-profit organization developed by, and affiliated with St. Thomas the Apostle church and the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa. St Thomas has a rich history of service to the community, developing and supporting services for seniors, children, and families in our community. The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa has been working with several parishes to plan the best use of their land, creating multiple affordable housing projects that are now in varying stages. It is collaborating with Ellwood House and St. Thomas on this project.

Ellwood House provides safe and affordable housing to independent seniors in the Ottawa community. This project aims to continue this work through the development of an extension to the current building, located at 2270 Braeside Avenue on the St Thomas campus. The project’s vision is to increase Ellwood’s tenant community and to provide affordable housing to the ever-increasing number of seniors in Ottawa who need a stable home.

Design Details

Storeys	4 (including garden level)
Gross Floor Area	25,564 ft ²
Unit Type	1 Bedroom
Total Units	38
Accessibility	5 Barrier-Free + 33 Accessible