



What We Heard

Upon compiling feedback from the Draft Good Neighbour Plan Survey and other community engagement activities, the following is a summary of the feedback received:

Feedback: The community noted that they are presently experiencing unhoused individuals in their neighbourhood.

Response: The purpose of Prairie Manor is to help shift the demographics of the neighbourhood by increasing access to supports with up to 85 units of affordable housing. Prairie Manor will also employ 24/7 staffing, which will support and increase security in the neighbourhood.

Feedback: The community noted that the Prairie Manor location is in proximity to a residential neighbourhood.

Response: The Prairie Manor initiative will be converting an existing commercial hotel building into a permanent supportive residential building for up to 85 tenants who are unable to maintain market rental housing. The Mustard Seed hopes to create an opportunity for tenants to make Prairie Manor their home, and to become fully integrated into the community they live in.

Feedback: The community noted concern about having multiple Mustard Seed locations in Old Strathcona and how this presence may be impacting the neighbourhood.

Response: Currently, The Mustard Seed is operating two temporary emergency shelters in south Edmonton for winter and COVID-19 response. These two initiatives are managed through government funding and will cease in April 2022. Outside of the two temporary locations, The Mustard Seed is undertaking renovations at our Neighbour Centre location to expand 24/7 year-round emergency shelter services to support the growing demand for services in south Edmonton, as well as the expansion into Prairie Manor. Both locations are a direct response to the need demonstrated in the community and have been pursued in consultation with the City of Edmonton. The proximity of these two Mustard Seed locations will allow for coordination and collaboration of staff to better support the neighbourhood. As the Neighbour Centre shelter will provide housing-focused emergency shelter services, The Mustard Seed also anticipates that Prairie Manor will serve as a housing opportunity for those individuals who are entering our Neighbour Centre shelter, which will be an effective way to move people out of poverty.

Feedback: The community noted concern that Prairie Manor would only accommodate individuals 18+ with no support for families.

Response: In developing the Prairie Manor project, The Mustard Seed determined that the key demographic in need in south Edmonton was for adults 18+ experiencing poverty or homelessness. This demographic was the main consideration while reviewing building options for this project, which resulted in the purchase of 10333 University Avenue. The property had a total of 85 units that are best



suited for bachelor-style living. As a result, this location would not be considered appropriate for families at this time.

Feedback: The community wanted to learn more about the programming offered on-site and potential program partners and initiatives.

Response: Prairie Manor is focused on providing safe, secure, affordable, and supportive housing for individuals who are traditionally unable to maintain market-rate rental housing. The housing program will include 24/7 onsite staff supports with a focus on housing stability, employment, health and wellness, community development, and self-sufficiency.