

Sean Baird speech: 130 Augusta opening (February 23)

On behalf of Toronto Community Housing (TCHC), I'd like to welcome you to the new Atkinson Co-op building, which is part of our ongoing revitalization here in Alexandra Park.

This building is important for three reasons.

- First, for the residents of the Atkinson Co-op, this is home, and we can't wait for them to move in.
- Second, it shows TCHC and the City of Toronto are an incredible team, and we can repeat this success to build new affordable housing in Toronto.
- Third, it shows that TCHC can be a partner to other organizations like Atkinson that want to build affordable housing and need help to do it.

As you explore today, keep in mind everything that this community has to offer:

- a 62-spot City-run daycare
- four affordable housing units and 99 RGI rentals
- shared gardens, playgrounds and community amenities
- privately owned condos next door, including six affordable ownership units
- all with fully fossil fuel-free heating and cooling.

This is what new public housing looks like. It's beautiful, it uses cutting edge technology, and most importantly it mixes different groups of people together.

If you like what you see here, I want you to join me in thanking some key people:

- Mayor Chow and Deputy Mayor Malik for your support at City Hall
- MPP Glover, for representing the residents of this community
- The Government of Canada for funding the ongoing capital repair of this building and all of TCHC's portfolio
- all the TCHC and City staff who shaped this plan and guided it along
- Tridel, who took that plan and made it something real
- and lastly, the Atkinson Co-op residents.

Thank you all for being a part of today's event.