



Eleanor's Court:

SPRING 2024 UPDATE

Eleanor's Court is the new name of the Rapid Housing Initiative building, a 25-unit, deeply affordable supportive housing development being built for individuals who are precariously housed in our community. It is being constructed in Sydney and will be owned by New Dawn Enterprises and operated by the Ally Centre of Cape Breton. This quarterly newsletter is to keep our Northend neighbours and the general public informed about the development's progress.



To access the project's website for monthly updates, resources and educational materials, please follow this QR code.

Interested in connecting with us? Feel free to contact New Dawn's Supportive Housing Project Manager at: cdonatelli@newdawn.ca.



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PROJECT RECAP

Read about project activity since our Winter Newsletter was released in March 2024.

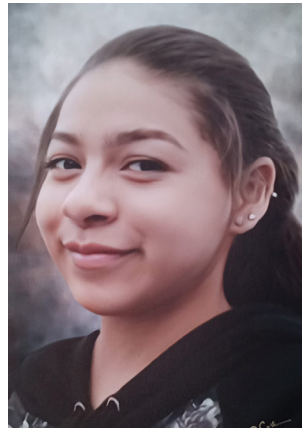
Building Name Announcement

Eleanor's Court

In early September 2023, the community was stunned and saddened to learn of the death of one of The Ally Centre's youngest and most beloved patrons, Eleanor Young. At just 21 years of age, this vibrant young woman's remains were discovered near her tent site. Eleanor was without a home. She slept in a tent, she ate and showered, laughed and loved at the Ally Centre.

Eleanor was a daughter, a mom, a sister, and a friend. She was also Indigenous. She was proud of her culture and loved her community of Eskasoni. Sadly, like thousands before her, Eleanor found herself among the list of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Eleanor's situation of homelessness significantly increased her chances of being another victim. This is why we chose 'Red Dress Day,' May 5th, 2024, to announce the chosen name of the RHI building as "Eleanor's Court." Eleanor's Court will provide a safe home to the community that supported and loved Eleanor here in Sydney.

Learn more
by scanning
the QR code:



Eleanor Young

Design & Build:

The biggest change you'll notice on our site is that we have a building starting to take shape! All panelized exterior walls, floors, and trusses are now in place. We are putting together a list of all furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the building and are soliciting donations or preferred pricing from suppliers interested in supporting our project. If you know of a furniture or household business who may be interested, please have them reach out to cdonatelli@newdawn.ca.

Programming & Support:

From running their overnight shelter this winter, the Ally Centre learned that three staff is the perfect number to provide participants with the support they need. As a result, Eleanor's Court will now have a supported staffing model of three staff 24/7. Thank you to the Department of Community Services for their willingness to adjust to important real-time learnings.



Snapshot of
the site as of
May 2024



LOOKING FORWARD

Read on for what we expect around the project over the next few months.

Design:

All tenders will be filled by the end of the summer, which means all final adjustments to building design based on contractors' feedback will be made by this time. We are also in the process of re-designing the interior courtyard landscape plan. As we worked through construction, we were able to alter the landscaping plan, including the slope in the interior courtyard. With this change, we're able to reimagine what this outdoor area can offer tenants.

Build:

Over the next few months, our construction team will be hard at work completing most of the building envelope, including shingles, windows, and some siding. We also intend to complete the mechanical, electrical, and security alarm rough-ins.


The municipal tie-in work, requiring closure of Charlotte Street between York Street and Nepean Street, has been pushed until the late summer/early fall. During the couple of week closure period, it will not be possible to drive on this block or park in our Charlotte Street lot, but sidewalks should remain open. We will communicate more details on the closure as soon as they take further shape.

Programming & Support:

Our focus over the next few months is to get a first draft of the operational policies and procedures in place for Eleanor's Court. Additionally, we are starting to explore training options for the staff who will be hired so that they are able to complete all training and onboarding activities in advance of doors opening and feel well-supported in their new roles.



Pre-construction	Site Preparation	Foundations	Envelope	Interior Finishes	Landscaping	Turnover
Jun '23 to Nov '23	Sept '23 to Feb '24	Nov '23 to Mar '24	Mar '24 to Sept '24	Aug '24 to Nov '24	June '24 to Oct '24	Dec '24 to Feb '25
Completed	Phase 1 Completed Phase 2 Upcoming	Completed	We Are Here	Upcoming	Upcoming	Upcoming



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