

TINY HOMES

Background

We are all aware of the severe shortage of affordable rental and owned housing across Ontario. One of the ideas for more affordable housing is to build residential spaces called **tiny homes**.

The concept of tiny homes is to downsize the living space and to live with less space and fewer amenities. They are usually about 37 square meters (400 square feet) which makes them less expensive to build. They can be built on existing residential properties in keeping with building code requirements or on a separate residential building lot. They can be prefab or built on site. Many municipalities across Ontario are looking at approving this type of housing to help with the severe shortage of housing.

For more general information:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tiny-house_movement#Background

Ontario information:

<https://www.ontario.ca/document/build-or-buy-tiny-home>

room, laundry, private bedrooms and living room. The homes will be energy efficient and therefore less expensive to operate.

The development will include a Program House with gathering spaces, meeting rooms, and a learning kitchen. It will be a spot for residents to gather, attend programs, socialize, and connect with other residents or visitors. The YWCA will offer case management, system navigation, life skills, community building events, financial literacy, food security, and skills training.

To date, funding for the development is from the YWCA, the City of St. Thomas, private donors, community organizations, businesses, and foundations. Project partners and donors are Doug Tarry Homes and Sanctuary Homes. The YWCA has applied to the Province of Ontario and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation for additional funds.

For more information: <https://ywcaste.ca/project-tiny-hope/>

Project Tiny Hope

YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin has an exciting 40-unit tiny home project to begin this year and to be completed for 2024 occupancy. Once government funding is obtained, 10 units are planned for completion by December 2023.

A mix of one-, two- and three-bedroom rental units will accommodate adults, youth, families, and seniors. Each tiny home will be equipped with a full kitchen, bath-



**I asked the Librarian if
she had any books
about Paranoia.**

**She whispered:
“They’re right behind
you....”**