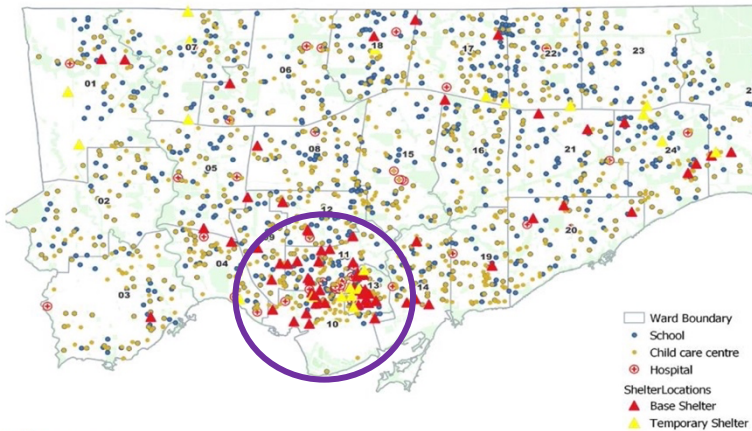


WE CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR A SAFE & LIVEABLE COMMUNITY

The City of Toronto, together with St. Felix Centre, will now site a **24-hour emergency shelter** at 629 Adelaide St. West. While we support the critical services already located within our community, the area is inequitably inundated with shelters and related social services, and this emergency shelter must be relocated to another area.

The proposed location, already surrounded by nearly a dozen shelters within a few blocks' radius, sits in the heart of a residential cul-de-sac between two elementary schools and is a two-minute walk from a supervised consumption site that offers a safer opioid supply program.

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Source: City of Toronto; 629 Adelaide St. W. Information Session; Nov. 22, 2023.

Like numerous established neighbouring facilities, the proposed 24-hour emergency shelter will also provide harm reduction supplies (such as safe injection kits, smoking foils, crystal meth pipes, etc.), which, per St. Felix, can't be used inside the building.

Based on the City's and St. Felix's negligence regarding proper community engagement over the past few months, combined with the reported experiences of residents surrounding St. Felix Centre's previous location at 25 Augusta Ave. (including break-ins, syringes, open drug consumption, drug dealing, encampments, 24-hour noise, violence, defecation, vandalism, and property damage), we have no trust or confidence in the abilities of St. Felix or the City of Toronto to safely manage any facility of this type at this location.

Neighbourhoods across Canada are living with homelessness, mental health, and addiction crises. Solutions are not immediate, especially with the lack of funding, affordable housing, and access to treatment programs. All three levels of government continue to squabble over what to do, and this site is the result of such. It is an ill-conceived band-aid solution.

We believe these services should be properly planned, designed, and suitably located based on evidence-based criteria, as well as skillfully managed, taking into consideration both the people accessing them as well as the community in which people live and work. The future liveability of our neighbourhood is at risk. Placing a 24-hour emergency shelter at 629 Adelaide Street West is reckless, dangerous, and will seriously impact public safety.

**HELP STOP THE EMERGENCY SHELTER.
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**** NNCS WILL BE HOSTING A COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION IN JANUARY ***

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Niagara Neighbours for Community Safety (NNCS) is a collection of hundreds of parents, residents, and businesses in the downtown west area of Toronto who oppose the City of Toronto's plan to convert 629 Adelaide Street West into a 24-hour emergency shelter. Visit niagaraneighbours.org for more information and [subscribe to our email list to receive updates](https://tinyurl.com/subscribeupdates).