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Taking it to the Streets Neighbourhood Concert

Sakaw Terrace was given the unique opportunity to be part of **Edmonton Folk Music Festival: Taking it to the Streets** concert series. They were one of 40+ venues selected, amongst 400 applicants, to host one of the smaller, neighbourhood concerts.

The concert was held in the parking lot and, on short notice, the Sakaw Terrace team was able to arrange for two food trucks, a stage for the entertainers and portable washrooms. Residents, tenants, staff, friends, family and the surrounding community members were all invited, which resulted in **a crowd of over 220 people!**

Attendees thoroughly enjoyed listening to the musical talents of the artists; The Maria Dunn Trio and Kat Danser. It was a wonderful event, with a great turnout and a fantastic way for everyone to be together this summer and part of the festival in their own front yard!



Outgoing and Incoming Board Members

We would like to thank **Nomagugu Baleni** and **Craig Henderson** for their years of volunteer service on the GEF Board of Directors. Thank you for your contributions to GEF, its residents, tenants and the seniors of Edmonton.

On May 1, 2021, two new members were appointed to the GEF Board of Directors. Welcome **Don Gnatiuk** and **John Fessey**. We look forward to working with you.

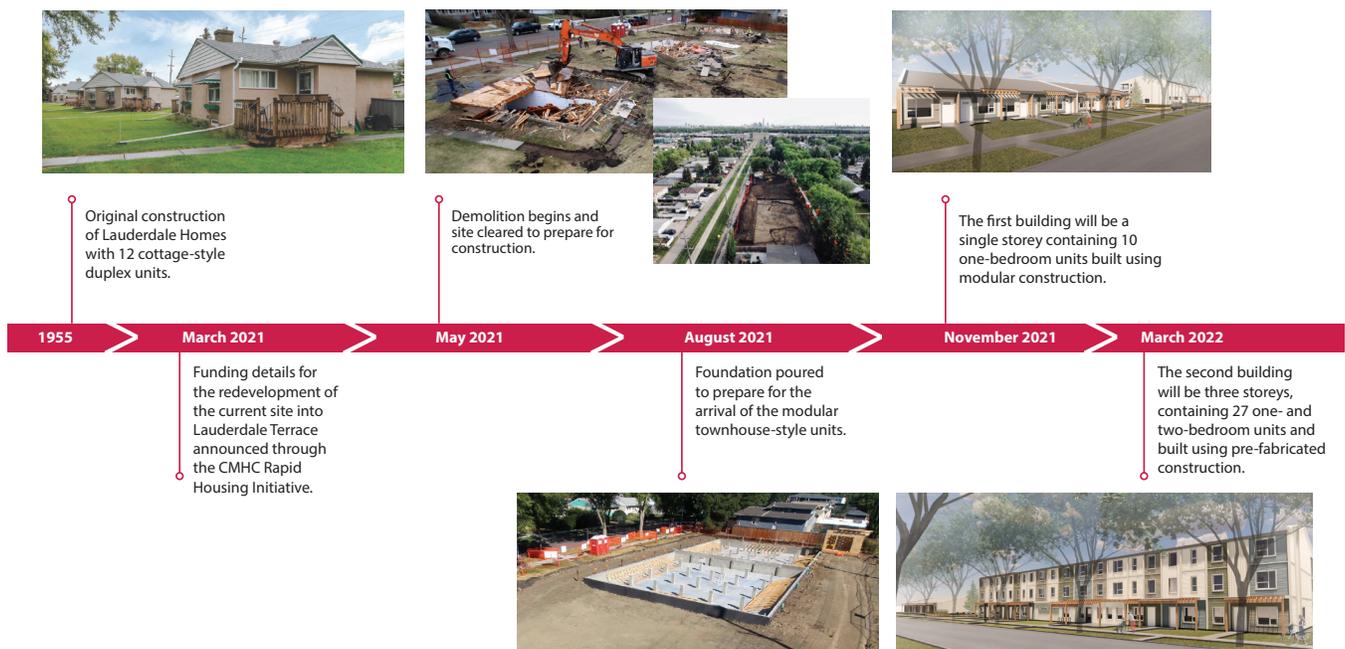
Don Gnatiuk recently retired as President and CEO (Member of the Board of Governors) with the Grande Prairie Regional College and is a leadership and governance enthusiast with over 30 years experience at the executive level in the government and public sectors.

Don is widely regarded as a leader who cares deeply about people and his community. After a long and successful public policy career in Alberta, Don is now ready and energized to give back to his community in service to GEF Seniors Housing, guarding and improving the quality of life for older adults.

John Fessey has worked at Fluid Life, an Edmonton based laboratory that specializes in equipment maintenance and reliability for mining, construction, power generation and other industries for 17 years. John chose to volunteer for the GEF Seniors Housing board because he believes that being of service is the most important thing a person can do. He enjoys working with others to create the best possible situation for everyone. Helping seniors had become a passion of his and GEF Seniors Housing is an organization with a vision and mission that he could support.

John is passionate about seniors because he believes they deserve quality and affordable housing without the complexity and frustration of navigating the system in this technological age. He learned firsthand about the needs and challenges seniors face while helping family members through various seniors' resources, including accessing affordable housing.

Lauderdale Terrace Timeline



Summer BBQs



After having to take a break due to the pandemic, the summer BBQs were back and better than ever this year! All residents and tenants were thrilled to be able to enjoy each others' company, share in some great food and take in the beautiful weather. **It was sunshine and smiles all around.**

As part of our **Quality of Life Philosophy**, we are happy to be able to support and promote our residents and tenants' well-being. We believe that participating in social activities, like these summer BBQs, enhances and enables them to live a happy and healthy life.

Did You Know?

GEF Seniors Housing is a registered charity. We are the largest provider of subsidized seniors' housing in Edmonton.

We gladly accept donations to support our capital building projects and programs that enrich the lives of our residents and tenants.

To make a one-time or ongoing donation, please visit our website at gef.org and click on the "Donate" button.



Golden Homes Update

GEF Seniors Housing is holding the **next round of consultations** in September, both with the Holyrood community and with the seniors who are currently living in Golden Homes.

Golden Homes, which we have **renamed Holyrood Terrace**, will be a seniors-friendly, pet-friendly and environmentally-friendly community.

This event will showcase three preliminary architectural designs created based on tenant and community feedback from the meetings held in July. A summary of the feedback from the meetings is available on the GEF website at gef.org.



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We welcome your feedback!

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