



MULTIFAITH

Housing Initiative



MHI Presentation Agenda

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ABOUT
MULTIFAITH
HOUSING
INITIATIVE

Brief History

- **2001**
 - Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Ottawa & other Christian churches, Jewish faith groups and Muslim communities joined together to address the lack of affordable housing in Ottawa
- **2002**
 - Multifaith Housing Initiative of Ottawa was recognized as a Canadian nonprofit charitable organization
- **2005**
 - Purchased Kent House (first property)
- **2006**
 - Acquired 10 units within Somerset Gardens
- **2008**
 - Purchased Blake House
- **2017**
 - Built The Haven
- **2021**
 - Built Veterans' House Canada: the Andy Carswell Building

About MHI



Our charity's mission

To provide and promote safe, affordable, and well-maintained housing in inclusive communities, and to mobilize resources for these purposes.



Our members = faith groups

We have 70+ member faith groups, including Baha'i, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, and Unitarian congregations. Our volunteers come from both civil and religious society.



Our challenge: Ottawa's homelessness crisis

- On January 29, 2020, the City of Ottawa declared a housing state of emergency
- 10,000 households are waiting affordable housing in Ottawa (2023)
 - Number would be much higher without organizations like MHI maintaining and constructing affordable housing

How many people live in MHI residences?



139 rental units



300-400 residents



Multifaith Housing has 4 housing properties



Kent House
Centretown



Blake House
Vanier



The Haven
Barrhaven



Somerset Gardens
Centretown

Plus 2 future developments in the planning phase...



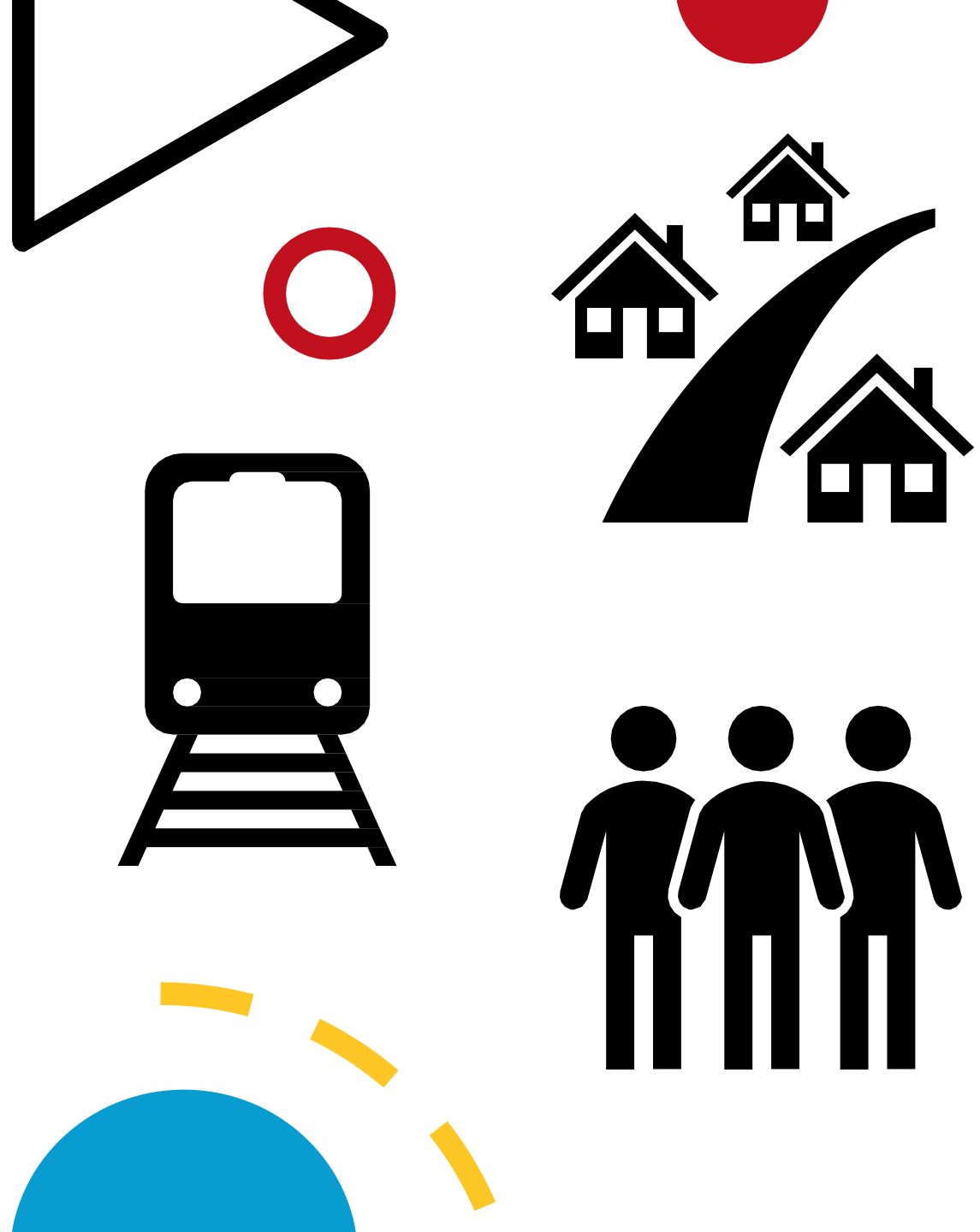
Lebreton Flats
Downtown



The Anchor
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MHI is committed to building communities that are:

- safe
- affordable
- inclusive
- economically diverse
- welcoming
- community-oriented
- (responsibly) dense
- transit-oriented



What's our secret?

Combination of staff & volunteer support:

5 staff + housing managers/contract workers

volunteer committees & teams
(property maintenance, volunteer helpers assist tenants etc.)

Donations: MHI's growth has been accelerated by donors who subsidize tenants' rents (biggest single source = Tulipathon)





Tulipathon...

- Is a 3K walk at Dow's Lake at end of May
- Brings together MHI faith groups & volunteers



VETERANS'
HOUSE
CANADA

Veterans' House Canada: The Andy Carswell Building

- Veterans' House Canada: The Andy Carswell Building is a housing community for veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
- Named after WWII pilot Andy Carswell
- Housing for 40 veterans with support on-site
- \$11.5M cost to build with contributions from all three levels of government
- Location: Mikinak Road on the site of the former CFB
- Opened January 2021 with on-site mental health & addictions support
- Veterans' House Canada now its own registered charity
- Learn more at www.veteranshousecanada.ca





MHI'S
AFFORDABLE
HOUSING
DEVELOPMENTS

Welcome to 665 Albert Street!

- Multifaith Housing Initiative's newest affordable housing development
- Situated between Ottawa's new Ādisōke main public library and the Pimisi LRT station.
- Partnership with real estate developer Dream and National Capital Commission



Dream Lebreton Flats

- 600 units total, 247 affordable
- 130 units owned and operated by MHI
- Dream committed \$150K/annual for community development
- MHI signature programs on-site and offered to all tenants
 - Yoga & wellness
 - Cooking & sewing
 - Homework clubs
 - Health clinics
 - Library mobile ... and so much more!



Priority Populations

These affordable units will serve the priority populations identified in Canada's National Housing Strategy:

- Algonquin and other Indigenous peoples,
- veterans,
- recent immigrants,
- women and children,
- and adults with cognitive disabilities



01 Pimisi LRT Station

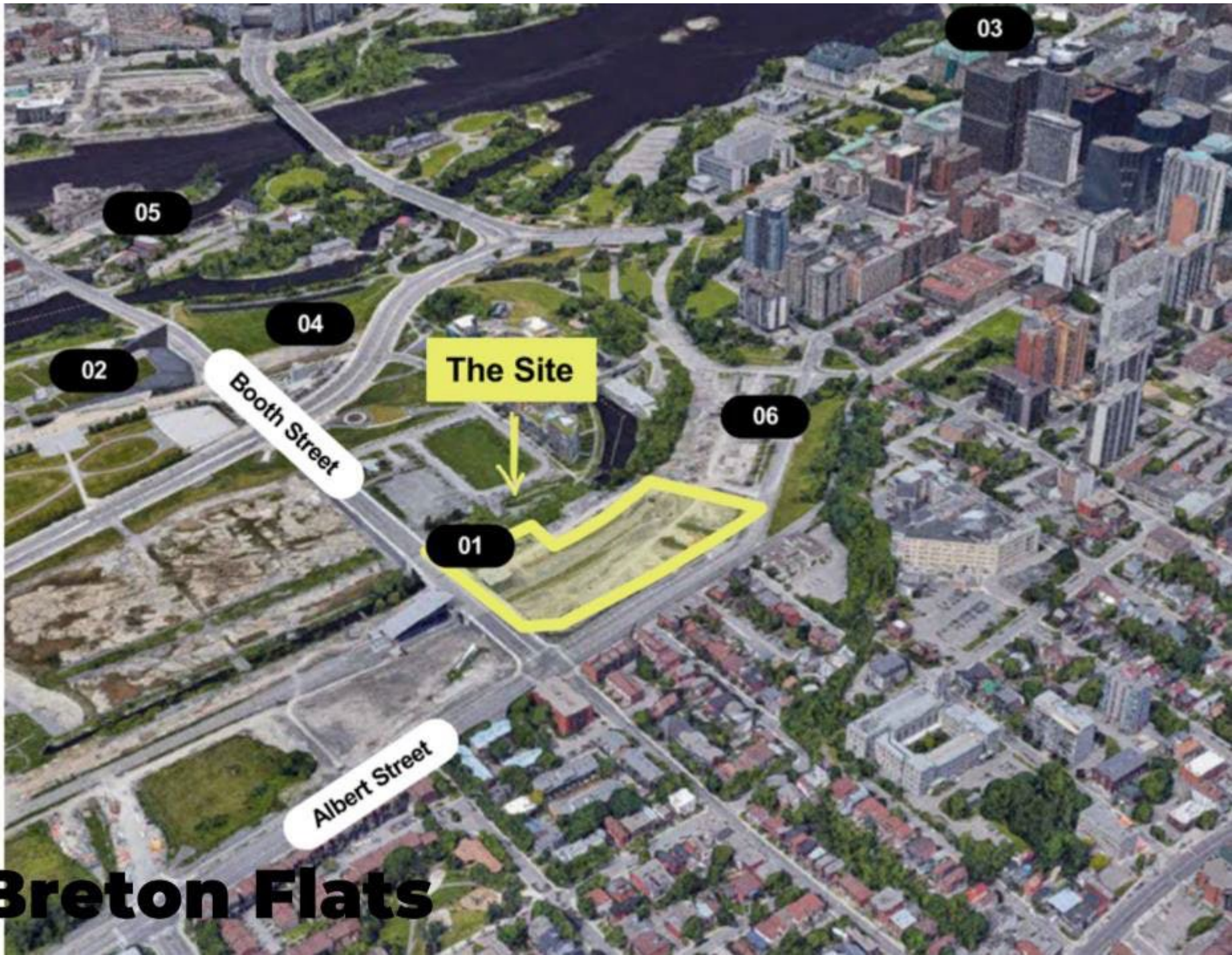
02 Canadian War Museum

03 Parliament Hill

04 National Holocaust Monument

05 Zibi

06 Ādisōke - Central Library and Archives Canada



Dream LeBreton Flats

Pimisi Station

Gathering circle

New Ottawa Public Library

1 acre+
of public realm space.

Dream LeBreton Flats





Dream LeBreton Flats

The Anchor

- Partnership with Julian of Norwich Anglican Church and Anglican Diocese of Ottawa
- The Anchor's primary guiding objective is to create a collaborative community that maximizes land use for the purpose of social good and quality of life
- Estimated 75 housing units





The Land

- Corner of Merivale Road and Rossland Avenue
- 2 ½ acre property
- Housing community with:
 - Residential & community parking
 - Community garden
 - Public greenspace
 - Community gathering space
 - Space for worship



The Space

- Mid-rise building
- Stacked townhouses
- Studio/bachelor
- Two-bedroom
- Three-bedroom
- Emphasis on two & three-bedroom units to address affordable housing crisis for families







Purpose

- MHI and Julian of Norwich seek to enable and strengthen community
- To provide a safe and supportive space to anchor oneself within the community and neighbourhood
- Continue to provide a place of worship for the past 60 plus years in the City View / Nepean Community



Reimagining the land

The project seeks to re-imagine and redevelop the existing space on Merivale Road in a way that will:

- ✓ Be founded on the principles of collaboration, ecological responsibility, inter-faith understanding, openness to diversity, and intergenerational engagement,
- ✓ Respond to needs and gaps in our community, including affordable housing and accessible community space,
- ✓ Be done in partnership with other organizations and residents who are committed to the social good.







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HOW YOU CAN HELP

Support our mission!

How to help anytime

1. Join our email list
2. Follow us on social media & share our content
3. At www.multifaithhousing.ca, learn more about how to:
 - Donate
 - Volunteer
 - Faith groups: join membership

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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Volunteer with us

- Fill out the volunteer form on our website
 - www.multifaithhousing.ca/volunteer
- Send us...
 - An email letting us know you're interested in volunteering
 - Your resume
- Contact Sahada Alolo
 - comm.engagement@multifaithhousing.ca

Run a Fundraising Event for MHI

- You can run a fundraising event any time and donate the proceeds to MHI
 - What types of events?
 - garage sale, art sale, clothing drive,
 - host a theme party, movie night,
 - dessert bar, bake sale,
 - wash cars, mow lawns, shovel snow
 - “A-thon” of any kind: walk, bike, ski,
- Charge admission, get pledges from friends & family, or charge per item to raise money
- Consult our handy guide: The Community Fundraising Toolkit to get started www.multifaithhousing.ca/host-an-event

COMMUNITY EVENT TOOLKIT



All you need to know about

HOSTING YOUR OWN FUNDRAISER



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Join one of our upcoming events

- **Annual General Meeting 2023**: Sunday April 23, 2023
 - Time: Registration 2:15 pm, meeting at 3:00 pm followed by a reception
 - Location: Kehillat Beth Israel
 - Drop by and learn more about our organization!
- **Tulipathon 2023**: Sunday May 28, 2023
 - Time: 3:00 PM
 - Location: Dow's Lake
 - Fundraise with your team online or make a banner for our competition!
- **National Housing Day 2023**: Sunday November 19, 2023
 - Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
 - Location: Jean Pigott Place inside Ottawa City Hall
 - Celebrate National Housing Day with us at our interfaith ceremony

Thank you for your time!

The end

