

# BIINDIGEN WELL-BEING CENTRE

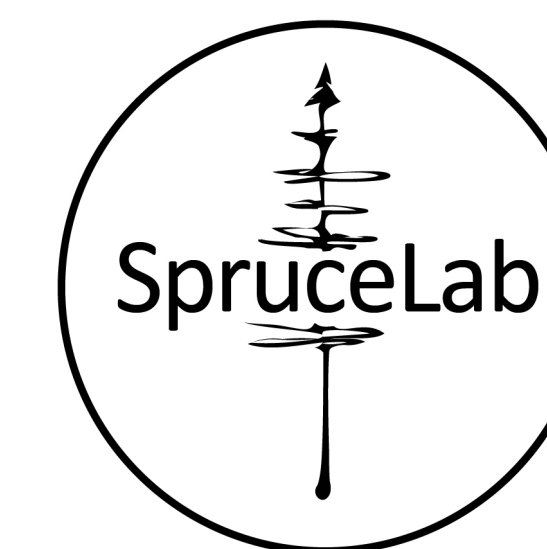
Community Open House

February 5th 2025

Project Partners:



Design Team:

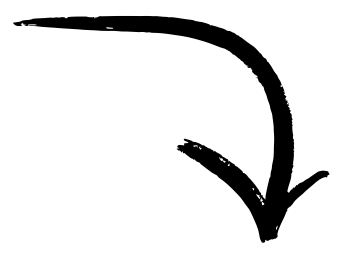




# The Biindigen Well - Being Centre Partners

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Scan to learn more about the partners



DAHAC provides a blend of western and Indigenous Traditional Medicine in the urban centres of Brantford, Hamilton, and St. Catharines. DAHC will be re-developing their Hamilton office on this site. The re-developed site will share space with McMaster University's Department of Family Medicine.



Niwasa is a not-for-profit, multi-service Indigenous organization that provides a range of programs such as Licensed Child Care, Youth Hub, Culture and Language and Homelessness prevention programming. They began operating on site in 2019 at which time they assumed responsibility for the McQuesten Urban Farm. They ceased their programming on site in early 2024 but will continue at the new centre, including operation of the McQuesten Urban Farm.



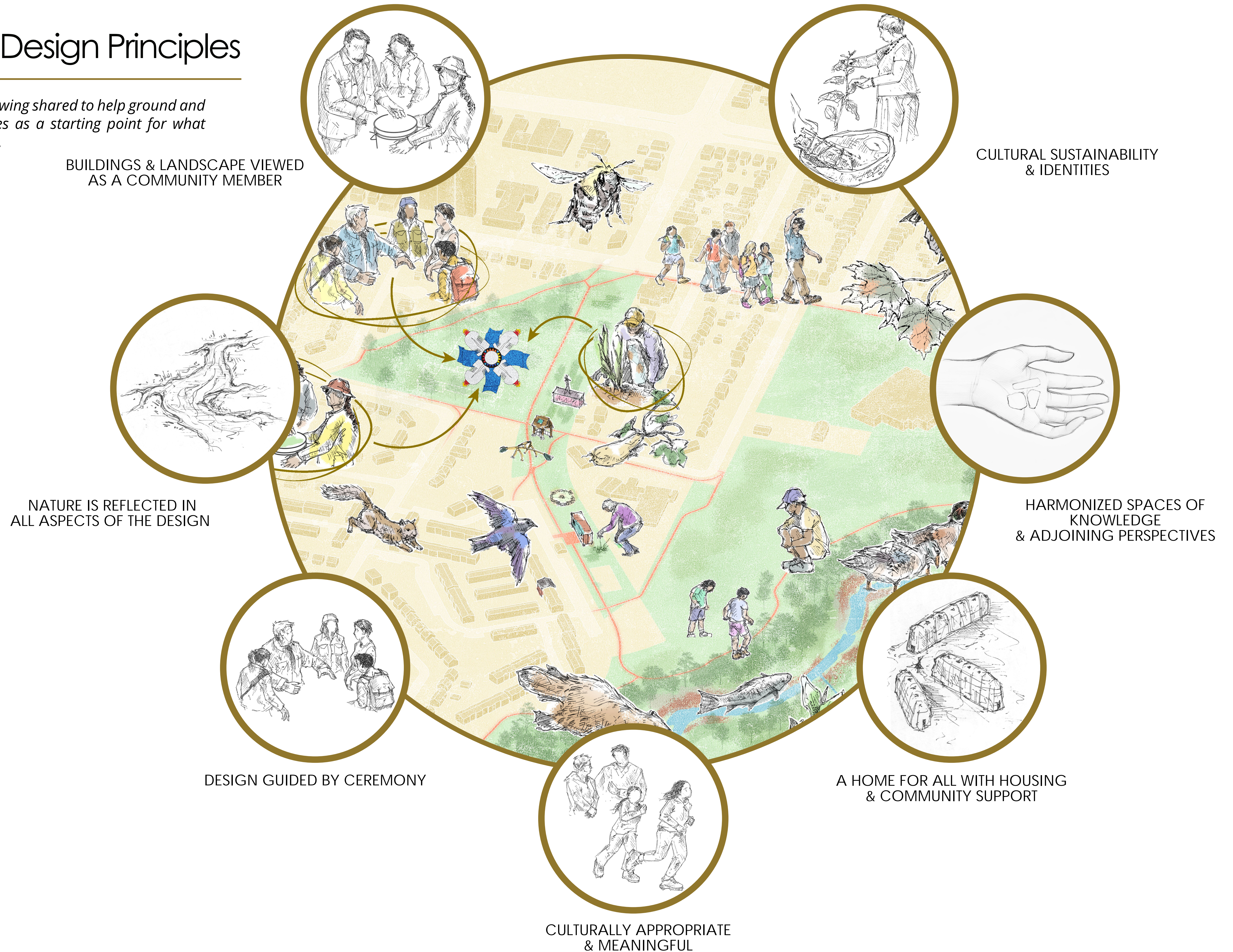
OAHS is a non-profit housing provider with a focus on the Indigenous community. They recognize housing as a fundamental human right that is linked to the self-determination of Indigenous people. OAHS has a goal of contributing 10,000 new housing units for Indigenous people in urban and rural communities across Ontario by the year 2034. This site will see a new rental apartment building of up to 100 units.





# Indigenous Design Principles

Thoughts and ways of knowing shared to help ground and form the Design Principles as a starting point for what Biindigen will evolve from.





# Concept Site Plan



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# Development Approval Process

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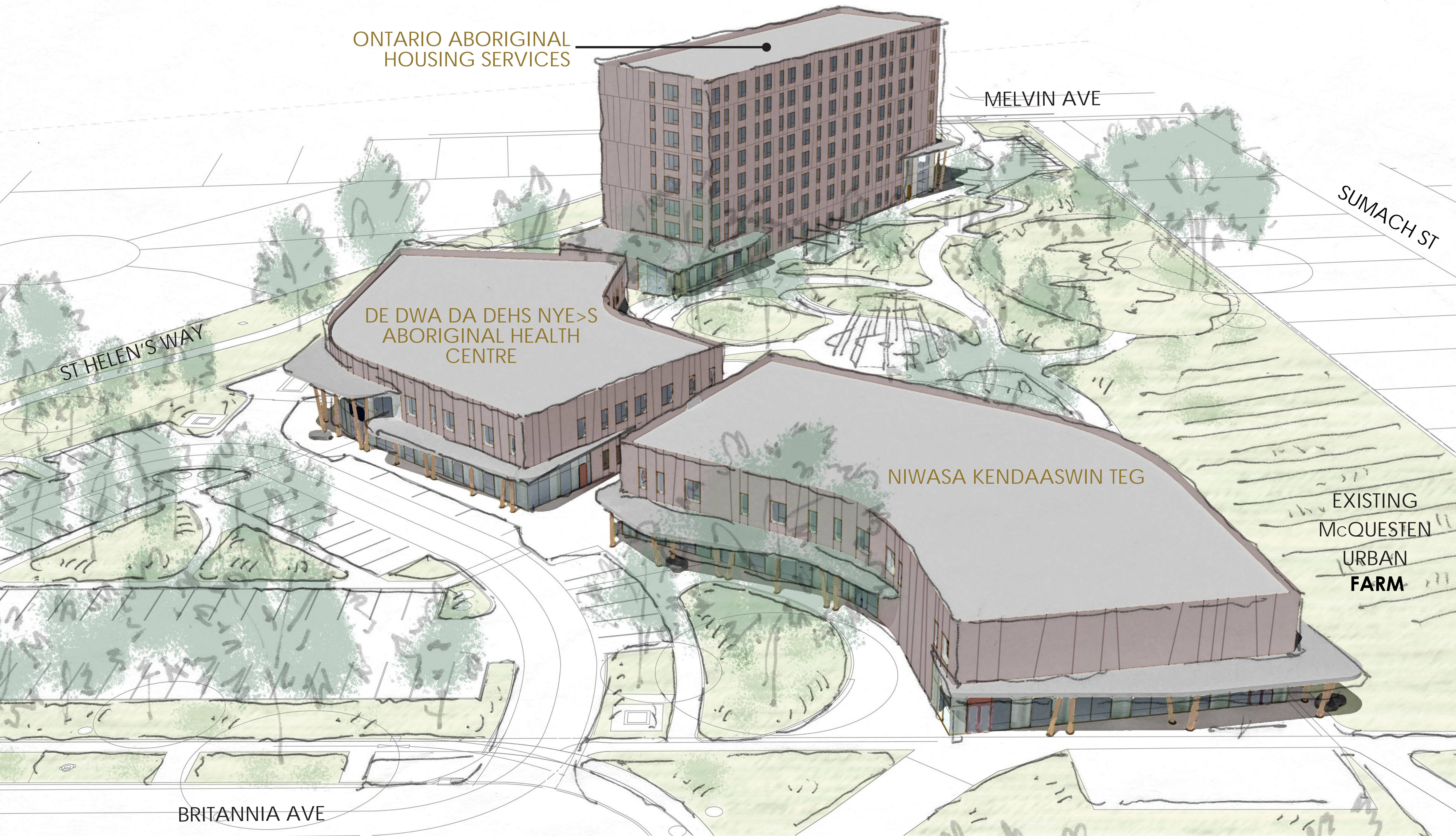


- Agreement of Purchase & Sale with City of Hamilton
- Pre-Consultation with City of Hamilton
- Early Community Engagement

- **September 12, 2024**  
McQuesten Neighbourhood Open House & Barbecue
- **February 5, 2025**  
Community Open House
- Submit Application
- Statutory Public Meeting and Recommendation Report at Planning Committee
- Council Ratification



# Preliminary Rendering of the Biindigen Well-Being Centre



ONTARIO ABORIGINAL  
HOUSING SERVICES

MELVIN AVE

SUMACH ST

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ABORIGINAL HEALTH  
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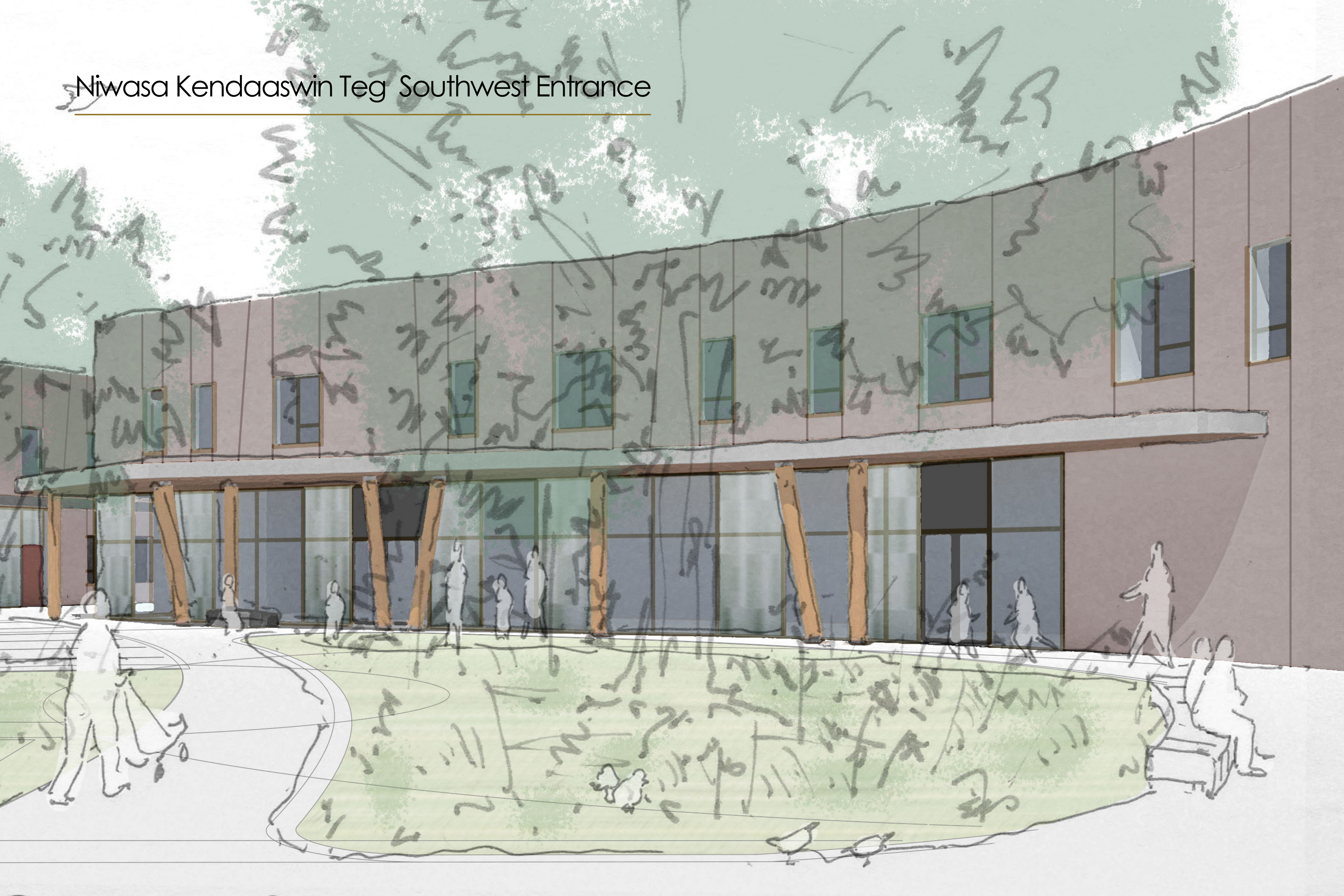
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Niwasa Kendaswin Teg Southwest Entrance





# McQuesten Urban Farm Looking Towards Sacred Fire

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Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services Entrance at Melvin Ave.

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Context Map



MACLAREN AVE

ST HELEN'S WAY

MELVIN AVE

SUMACH ST

BRITANNIA AVE

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EXISTING  
McQUESTEN  
URBAN  
FARM