

Completed Date	What are your perspectives on the potential housing project at the site of the former St. Bartholemew Church?
2/12/2026 19:12	I recognize the need for more affordable housing in Sarnia and agree this could be a good location, depending on the needs of the people that live there. I have concerns about vicinity to supports, like the food bank, doctors offices, blood labs, etc. The grocery store and drug store across the street are quite pricey and definitely more than No Frills or Shoppers Drug Mart. I'm also not sure how reliable public transportation is either. Will these be more rent-geared to income? How much will rent be? For individuals on ODSP or even just OAS; money is tight each month. Can they afford to live further away from supports? I've also heard rumours that there would not be enough parking, what is the solution? Can the neighbourhood (Colborne/cathcart intersection) handle all the additional traffic? The lines for Starbucks and Tim Hortons drive thru often extend onto the road, while the Oak Acres parking lot is a disaster at the best of times. Parking is limited, especially with the new Dollarama - how do we ensure people won't park in the plaza? As for the look for the neighbourhood, I think 2-3 stories would be better. As well, can it look more like apartments? Why does it look like a hospital or doctors office?
2/13/2026 10:31	I don't believe this is a good site for this; safety and property values will plummet, and I will no longer feel safe in my neighborhood. I'm not supportive of the location of this project.
2/13/2026 10:50	I am relieved for the neighbourhood that they will not have enhanced housing inflicted on them. I wish that same consideration applied to Central/South Sarnia. I wish it was as easy to eliminate Indwell from our neighbourhood!
2/13/2026 11:37	I live in fairly close proximity (Lakeshore), and am in total supportive of assisted and /or supportive housing. I'm also in support of the 4 storey design with one recommendation. I'd like to see ground level be commercial. I believe this to more economically and socially productive. I also think this would bode well for the commercial corridor and streetscape. As much as I appreciate the community consult, i don't think they are productive because people are mostly arguing without facts or supported arguments. Many neighbours will argue in bad faith, perpetuating discriminatory myths. I refer to this link from the Human Rights Commission titled " Overcoming opposition to affordable housing" https://www3.ohrc.on.ca/en/zone-housing-human-rights-and-municipal-planning/overcoming-opposition-affordable-housing I'd welcome being contacted if there's any questions. Thank you for the work that you do
2/13/2026 12:14	I think that rental space with affordable rent is a great idea. That being said I do not believe this should receive approval to be used as supportive housing. The last thing needed in this specific area is added traffic of unwanted individuals who may lean towards a supportive housing environment. With the future development of Canatara Park, the beaches in the area, Sarnia Golf course and so on it runs the risk of the unwanted encampments and environments that will sway the people of Sarnia and outside visitors away. This could cause the future investment into Canatara to be a huge mistake and waste of capital as well as eliminate a huge opportunity of investment with major ROI for the city of Sarnia. I do support the need for supportive housing but this is one area of Sarnia that should be developing into a more upscale, tourist environment to attract outsiders into and to come live in Sarnia as well as bring the City a more vibrant and celebratory area for future events etc. These beaches could one day become a new Grand Bend if the capital was there to invest. Thanks
2/13/2026 12:20	I'm supportive of the development and think it should include a mix of affordable and supportive housing.
2/13/2026 13:56	I'm not opposed to it but it can be dangerous for those crossing Cathcart. The current residents cross it instead of walking down to the lights!
2/13/2026 15:48	I have two affordable rental units I own in Sarnia. I believe there is a desperate need for this build as I just saw an ad today for a one bedroom in Sarnia \$1800.00. Read that again ! So crazy priced. Who can afford that not even two working people sharing the space.
2/13/2026 18:00	Affordable housing is acceptable, however, given the manner in which Indwell completely changed their project for George Street from affordable to "difficult to house", their credibility should be questioned. Also, unlike the north end, which was given the opportunity to voice their concerns, the residents on George St. and the surrounding neighbourhood were not afforded the same courtesy. No one denies the need for housing however, to focus on residential areas for those who have been determined to fall into the difficult to house category, is a huge concern. The statement that close proximity to the services they require necessitates building near Sarnia's' downtown core is unacceptable. Bus passes can certainly be issued that would provide transportation downtown from any area in the city.

2/13/2026 22:19	The increased density of affordable housing is certainly going to have a negative effect on me property value surrounding it. The site 100% cannot be used for supportive housing. If the site meets all the requirements for relative amenities has multi family facilities, been considered excluding supportive and your income housing? Council needs to listen to the voice of the community. This is not an appropriate area for supportive housing.
2/13/2026 22:40	No objection to affordable housing as long as security in the neighbourhood is maintained. However, I strongly object to supportive housing / Indwell / Flourish as this will severely impact the neighbourhood and the broader community.
2/15/2026 10:21	I recognize that our community has a real and growing need for affordable housing. Seniors on fixed incomes, individuals with disabilities, and working residents struggling with rising costs all need solutions. Doing nothing is not an option. That said, getting this project right matters just as much as getting it done. My perspective is that development at the former St. Bartholomew Church site should proceed only if it fits appropriately within the surrounding neighbourhood. That means careful consideration of building height, overall scale, parking capacity, traffic impact, and architectural design so it complements the existing community rather than overwhelms it. Clarity around the housing model is also essential. Affordable housing and supportive housing are different. Supportive housing typically includes on-site services and is often targeted to individuals who require additional supports. My understanding is that supportive housing is not being proposed for this site. If that is the case, that distinction should be clearly communicated so residents understand what is and is not being planned. The surrounding neighbourhood does not currently experience significant crime issues. That context matters. The goal should be to ensure any development maintains the stability and safety that already exists. Parking appears to be a legitimate concern given the size of the site relative to the potential number of units. Resident vehicles, visitor parking, service vehicles, and spillover effects must be carefully assessed through a proper traffic and parking impact review. If not managed correctly, this could place pressure on nearby streets. I support expanding affordable housing in Sarnia–Lambton. I also believe it requires meaningful collaboration between the County, the City, residents, and service partners to fully understand both the opportunities and the risks. With transparency, thoughtful design, and clear accountability, this project can strengthen the community rather than divide it.
2/15/2026 11:12	I think that the risk vs reward for this project is fair too high. Although supportive/affordable housing is something that Sarnia needs. There are far better locations for this kind of building to be built than this. This kind of project brings criminal activity that affects the neighbourhoods. Something people in the North end move to get away from. These kind of buildings should be built away from prosperous neighbourhoods and built in their own locations. NO TO INDWELL!
2/16/2026 15:47	I'm all for properly affordable housing, but it's ugly. Horrendous. Too sleek and looks like a modern high school and not a place where people are supposed to call home, and live out their days. There is no warmth to the place and no balconies, for people to enjoy an outdoor space or the views that can be afforded in that part of town. We get hot summers and you want people to sit inside an ugly building, to do nothing. I don't understand why municipalities and designers design housing for low-income people in such an industrial and utilitarian way and give no thought to how people want to live. It might be cheaper, to build, but it has no style and doesn't fit into the neighbourhood, either. It's the north end, of Sarnia, which has always been know as the better part of town, and this looks like a cheap knock-off. The design only shows a parking lot and a tiny strip of green, near the building. Where is a space for people to enjoy the outdoors? The design doesn't say how big the apartments are. I hope you improve the design, to at least pretend to show you care how people want to live. People on the housing list have no choice where to live, anymore. This says get out of sight.
2/16/2026 19:55	Personally, I'm not happy about the idea of supportive housing at this site. We recently moved to this area from the downtown core where we constantly had issues with addicts and the mentally ill, often making me and my family feel unsafe. We saved for years to move to this area and to think of us once again having people roaming our streets, going through our belongings or fighting with one another is incredibly disappointing. I am in full support of this being used for affordable housing as I believe Sarnia needs more of that. However I hope that the design renders aren't final and the building reflects the style of this neighborhood more.