

Cape Breton Island Housing Authority

STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Public Housing Overview

Provincially owned public housing for families and seniors

Housing Authority is the property manager

Eligibility is based on income and rent is geared to income

Chronological waiting list

Priority access for applicants who are:

- escaping violence
- living in inadequate housing (health/safety risk)
- need to live closer to medical services for life-sustaining support services

Cape Breton Housing Context

57,515 households in
Cape Breton

- 14,140 are renters
- 42,145 are homeowners

13.4% of CBRM
households are in core
housing need

- 32% of renters
- 6% of homeowners

Median household
income is \$53,862

- \$66,927 for homeowners
- \$28,319 for renters

Public Housing in Cape Breton – Units and Tenants

- 13.6% of provincial population
- 984 buildings (37% of provincial total)
- 3,308 units (29% of provincial total)
- 5,707 households
 - 64% - seniors
 - 31% - families
 - 5% - non-elderly singles
- CB average annual income = \$18,300
- Average rent = \$459/month



Public Housing Renewal

Focus on investment in preservation and renewal

2021/22 - \$3.84M capital investments supported 78 projects

2022-23 - \$7.01M more in capital investments to complete 56 projects

Public Housing Accessibility

\$2.15M

- to improve Public Housing units from 2019-2022

27 units

- 6 Barrier Free
- 21 Near Accessible

Green Retrofit Project

\$8M over next four years to upgrade 220+ units

Target = 50% reduction in energy consumption

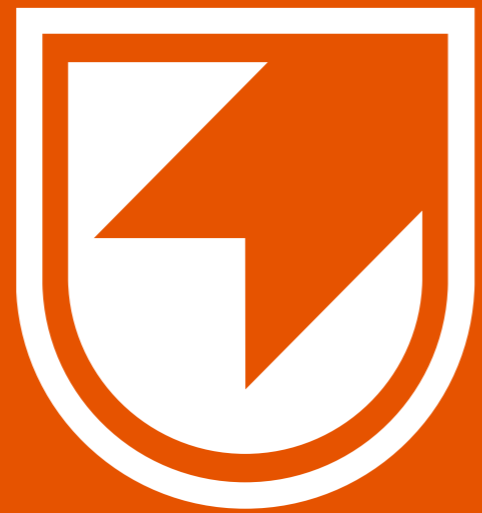
Reduction in:

- energy consumption
- operating and maintenance costs
- GHG emission

Helps to keep or create jobs in rural areas

Pilot will be assessed for implementation across the rest of the province

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Housing Impact on Cape Breton

Presentation for

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International Student Market

- Steady international enrolment between 2008 & 2017
- Increased growth driven from India starting in 2018
- Strategic Enrolment Management growth to 7,500 students
- Non-traditional demographic of student
- Strong international reputation

Innovative Solutions Required

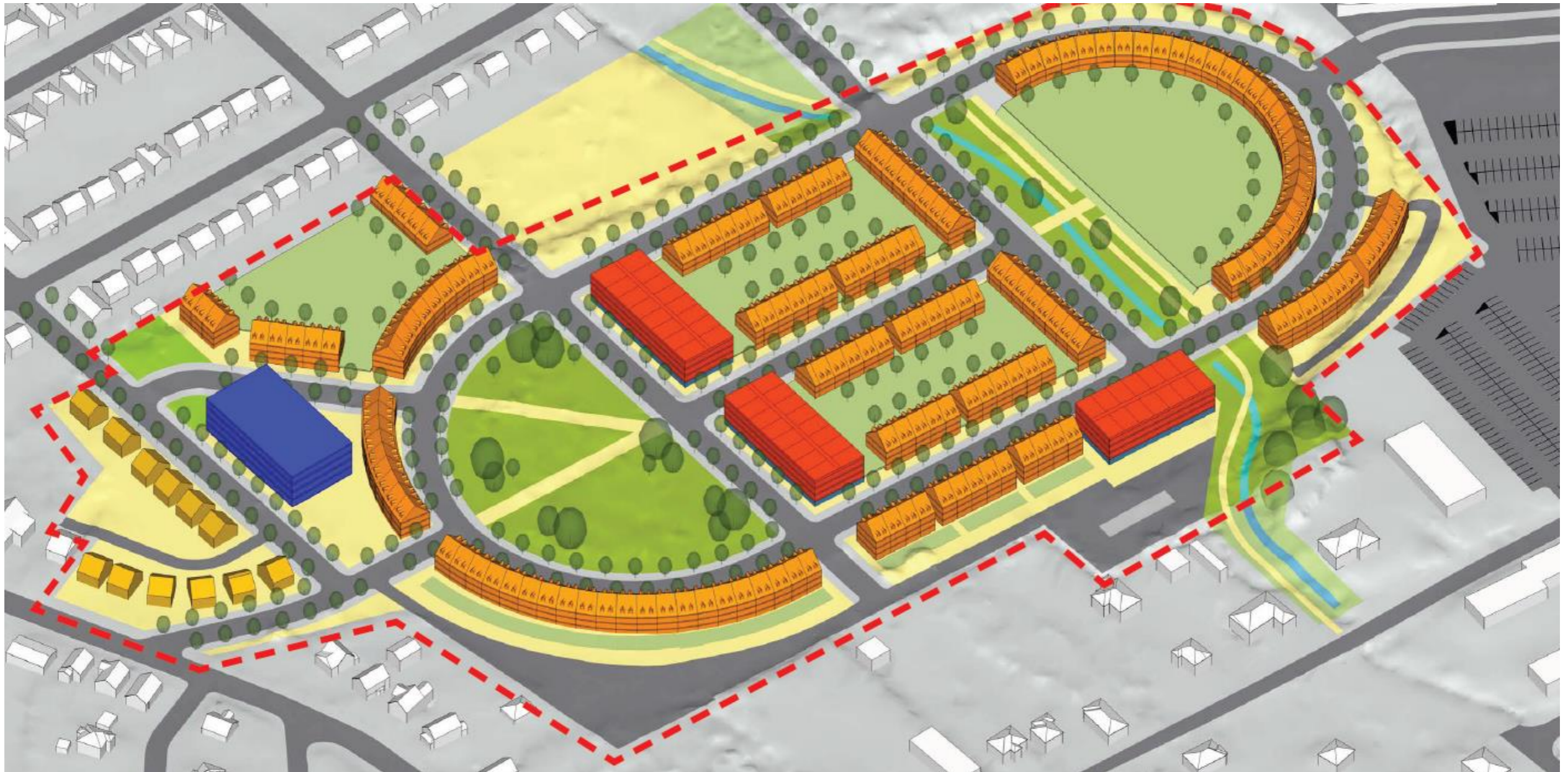
- Expansion of classes at Cineplex Sydney
- Investments in Transit Cape Breton
- Infrastructure Projects
- Tartan Downs Development



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