

Condo roundup: revitalization at U of T and a unique food drive



CONDO TRENDS
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It's been a busy month for condo events as the summer season draws near. Gemterra Development has just launched their LOVE Condominiums, a new community-oriented residential complex in Scarborough. LOVE condos will offer a range of suites unparalleled in space and design with floor-to-ceiling windows and hardwood laminate flooring to enhance the open concept design.

"Our objective was to make each suite feel open and airy. Converting traditional hallway space to more livable space gives purchasers much more square footage to play with," says interior designer Paul Maggiacomo of Tanner Hill.

On the waterfront, Tridel, Canada's leading condominium developer, and international real estate firm Hines have just released details of their new condominium development called Aqualina at Bayside Toronto. It's the first residential phase of a 13-acre, mixed-use development called Bayside Toronto. Valued at more than \$1.1 billion, Bayside will be the first neighbourhood in downtown Toronto to feature two million sq. ft. of residential, commercial and cultural uses on the water's edge.

The University of Toronto has unveiled plans to transform iconic landmark One Spadina Crescent into the new home of the John H. Daniels faculty

of architecture, landscape, and design. The revitalized building project is designed by Nader Tehrani, principal of NADAAA, and his collaborator Katie Faulkner. The University has received an additional personal contribution of \$10 million from architect and developer John H. Daniels. Built in 1875, the got hic revival building was originally the home of Knox College.

Earlier this month, teams of professional designers, architects and engineers took part in Toronto's 14th annual Construction competition, donating their time, talent and 50,000 cans of canned food to build clever and edible structures. The exhibit, in aid of the Daily Bread food bank, was on public display in Toronto's financial district.

"One of the most unique food drives in the world, Construction is a fun, visual way for the architecture and engineering industry to pull together and give back to the communities they build in," says Helen Kabriel, co-chair of Construction Toronto.

And this weekend, ELAD Canada will be hosting a groundbreaking event for the new, 50,000 sq. ft. Parkway Forest community centre. It will be a vital part of the master-planned neighbourhood, Emerald City at Don Mills and Sheppard. Amenities will include a gymnasium, running track, YMCA-managed daycare and separate outdoor pool with change rooms.

On hand will be ELAD VP of development, Netanel Ben Or and Ward 33 councillor, Shelley Carroll.



Aqualina condominiums at Bayside Toronto. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



One Spadina Crescent, the new home of the John H. Daniels faculty of architecture, landscape, and design. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO