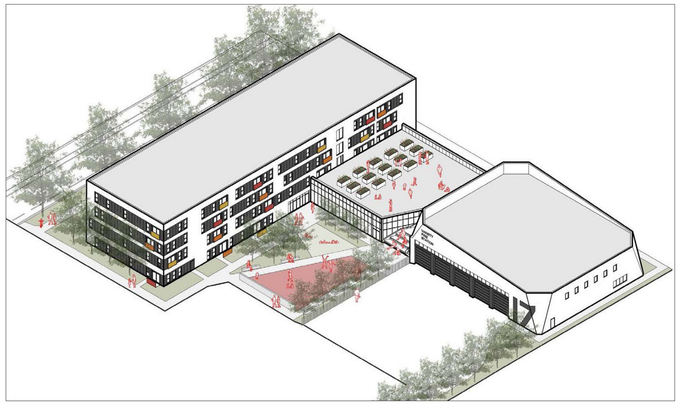
Varsity Multi-Service Centre

Housing Innovation

The Varsity Multi-Service Centre (VMSC) delivers 48 mixed-income homes—including 11 barrier-free units and multi-generational two- and three-bedroom layouts—providing affordable, accessible housing for roughly 200 Calgarians and enabling families to age in place together. This responds City's mandate for housing affordability, improved livability for seniors, and viable design for residents facing mobility challenges.

The project also illustrates a clear awareness of and response to its surrounding context, with massing that mediates between the University of Calgary, the University Research Park and adjacent low-scale homes. It contributes positively to the public realm through a landscaped "front porch," parkettes and new park space on the former fire station site. Occupant wellness is advanced through in-suite air conditioning, direct access to green space, and acheivement of LEED Gold and WELL certification.

The VMSC embodies social collaboration: Calgary Housing, the Calgary Fire Department, City workspaces, a childcare unit and a household hazardous waste drop-off are integrated on one site through interdepartmental partnership. This innovation in housing design has inspired similar models within the City's inventory.





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