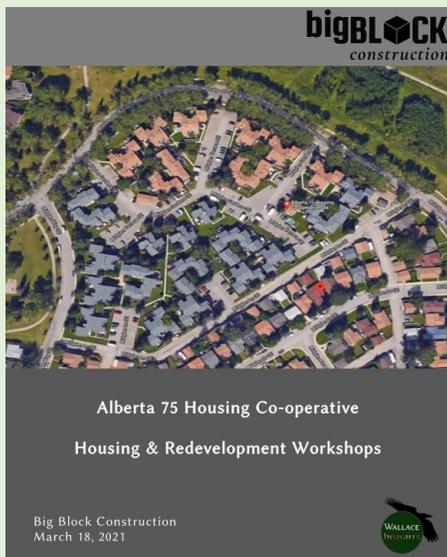




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PLANNING & ENGAGEMENT – COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Big Block Construction was commissioned by the Alberta 75 Housing Co-operative in Calgary Alberta to investigate the feasibility of redeveloping their entire 8 acre site with new, modern housing units. There are 150 low and moderate income households at Alberta75 who range in ages from young families to seniors.

The feasibility study was undertaken in response to a building condition report which indicated that the housing co-op will be spending more on maintenance to keep their existing dwellings in good condition over the next 25 years.

Wallace Insights was contracted by Big Block to join their team to develop a redevelopment process, initiate contact with the City of Calgary over discretionary use requirements and conduct two online workshops to engage the Alberta 75 membership on the topic of redevelopment.

PROJECT DURATION

October 2020 to April 2021

CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

A project like this is very challenging. Essentially, the project would redevelop the entire site with new housing while 150 households would remain in place during redevelopment. Engagement with the co-op members had to be handled carefully and with sensitivity around issues of displacement, cost and disruption.

A methodical step by step approach beginning with the Board and then the co-op members was undertaken. Beginning with a membership meeting on January 23, 2021, Big Block introduced the idea of site redevelopment as a viable option to renew the housing stock and provide all members with housing that they wanted.

Due to Covid19 restrictions, it was decided to host two online workshops to explore this option in detail. Wallace Insights designed the online workshop agenda, selected and designed the online engagement tools, facilitated the engagement and drafted a summary report.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Infill Development	Discretionary Use
Redevelopment Planning	Public Engagement