

Upper Miramichi Community Survey on Housing Needs and Repurposing the Former Central New Brunswick Nursing Home

We're excited to connect with residents of Upper Miramichi about an important opportunity for our community. Recently, the Rural Community of Upper Miramichi acquired the former Central New Brunswick Nursing Home, located on Route 625 in Boiestown next to the Upper Miramichi Elementary School, and is consider options for its repurposing, with housing being a likely option.

We want to know your thoughts, preferences, and ideas about both your housing needs and the potential repurposing of the vacant nursing home building. Your input will steer us toward options that reflect our community's needs and aspirations.

Our survey is straightforward and split into two parts. Firstly, we'd like to understand your current housing situation, preferences, and any future plans you have. This information will guide us in considering housing options that align with community needs. Following that, we ask you to share your ideas for repurposing the old nursing home building.

For completing our survey, you will be entered into a draw to win \$50 to spend at a local restaurant or retailer of your choice.

Your privacy is important; rest assured, your responses will be kept confidential. To begin, just click the "Next" button below.

* Indicates required question

Section 1: Housing Needs Assessment

We want to understand your current housing situation, preferences, and any future considerations. Your input will help us learn the types of housing that are in demand within Upper Miramichi.

1. Do you live in Upper Miramichi? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

2. What do you like most about living in Upper Miramichi? Check all that are important to you.

Check all that apply.

I grew up here - it's home

To live near family or friends

Safety in the community

Affordability of housing

Being surrounded by nature

Outdoor activities

Strong sense of community

Peaceful and quiet environment

Opportunities for agriculture or farming

Access to traditional lifestyle or hobbies

Low crime rate

Other: _____

3. How content are you with your current housing in Upper Miramichi?

Mark only one oval.

Disastisfied

1

2

3

4

5

Completely satisfied

4. Do you currently rent, own, or live with family?

Mark only one oval.

Rent

Own

Live with family

Other: _____

5. How many bedrooms does your house need?

Mark only one oval.

- 1 bedroom
- 2 bedroom
- 3 bedroom
- 4+ bedroom
- Other: _____

6. What is your current monthly rent or mortgage payment?

Mark only one oval.

- Less than \$500
- \$501 - \$700
- \$701 - \$900
- \$901 - \$1,100
- \$1,101 - \$1,300
- Over \$1,300
- N/A
- Other: _____

7. What is your household's annual gross income?

Mark only one oval.

- Under \$20,000
- \$20,000 to \$39,999
- \$40,000 to \$59,999
- \$60,000 to \$79,999
- \$80,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 or over
- Prefer not to disclose.
- Other: _____

8. How many people currently live in your home?

Mark only one oval.

- 1
- 2-3
- 4-5
- 6+

9. What are your specific current housing needs?

10. Are you currently facing any challenges related to accessibility or mobility within your current housing situation? Please explain.

11. How would you describe the overall housing market in Upper Miramichi, including any issues? What type of housing is lacking?

12. Are there specific needs you recognize, such as housing for vulnerable populations? What people need help with housing?

13. Do you perceive homelessness as an issue in Upper Miramichi?

14. If you could change one thing about housing in Upper Miramichi, what would it be?

15. How do you see your housing needs changing over the next 5 to 10 years? (e.g., family size changes, aging, employment shifts, etc.)

16. Please provide any additional comments about the issue of housing in Upper Miramichi.

Section 2: Repurposing Ideas for the Former Nursing Home Building

Your insights are needed to help reimagine the future purpose of the vacant nursing home building. Your ideas can shape a project idea that benefits all of Upper Miramichi.

17. What types of housing do you think would be most suitable for repurposing the former nursing home building? Please select all that apply.

Check all that apply.

- Studio/bachelor apartments
- One-bedroom apartments
- Two-bedroom apartments
- Multi-bedroom apartments
- Senior living apartments
- Co-housing (shared space) units
- Transitional/supportive housing for individuals in need
- Mixed-use housing with community spaces
- Other: _____

18. Besides housing, what would you like to see this building used for?

Check all that apply.

- Affordable housing
- Community center
- Healthcare facility
- Senior living center
- Youth center
- Food pantry or community kitchen
- Daycare / after school program
- Other: _____

19. What amenities or features do you believe are essential for housing within the repurposed nursing home building? Please select all that apply.

Check all that apply.

- Accessible design and features
- Common areas for socializing
- Outdoor recreational spaces
- Laundry facilities
- On-site parking
- Energy-efficient appliances
- Pet-friendly policies
- Gardens and green spaces
- Child-friendly amenities
- Fitness or wellness facilities
- Other: _____

20. How can we best engage the community in the process for repurposing the building?

21.

Do you think it's a good idea to include affordable housing units in the renovated building to encourage a mix of people from different economic backgrounds to live there?

Mark only one oval.

Strongly oppose

1

2

3

4

5

Strongly support

22. Would you be interested in participating in future workshops or meetings to share your ideas for repurposing the building?

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Maybe

Other: _____

23. As we think about the future, are there any challenges or concerns you see in repurposing the nursing home building? Your insights will help us think about possible hurdles.

24. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the repurposing of the nursing home building or the development of our community?

Your Contact Information

For future engagement and prize draw selection.

25. Full name

26. Phone number, including area code

27. E-mail address

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