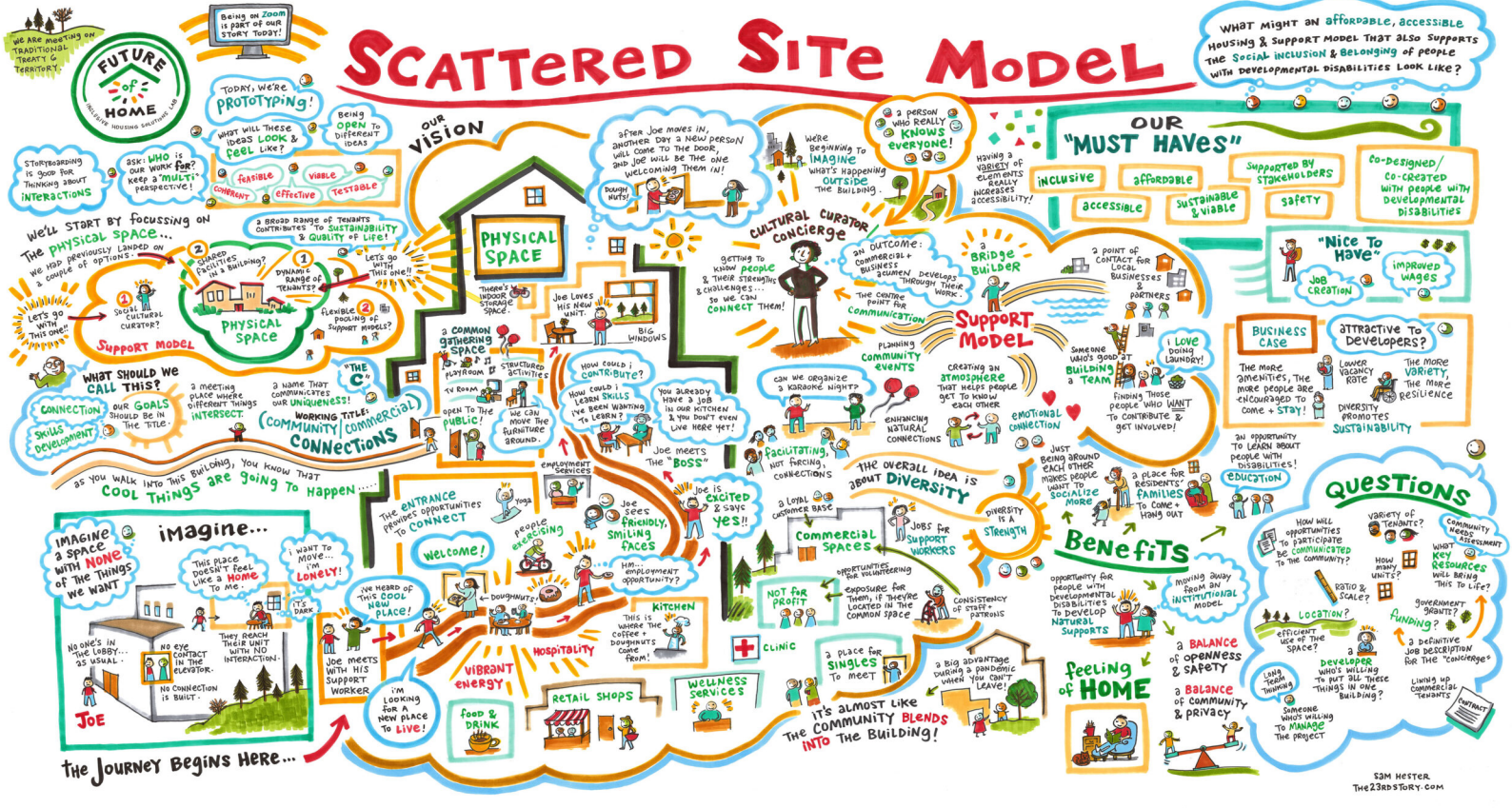
We are meeting on traditional treaty & territory.
Future of Home
Inclusive Housing Solutions Ltd.
Being on Zoom is part of our story today!
Today, we're prototyping!
What will these ideas look & feel like?
Being open to different ideas
Feasible
Viable
Coherent
Effective
Testable
Storyboarding is good for thinking about interactions
Ask: Who is our work for? Keep a "multi" perspective!
We'll start by focussing on the physical space... we had previously landed on a couple of options...
Let's go with this one!
Support Model
Physical Space
1 Dynamic range of tenants?
2 Shared facilities in a building?
3 Social "cultural curator"?
Let's go with this one!!
2 Flexible pooling of support models?
3 Broad range of tenants contributes to sustainability & quality of life!
What should we call this?
Connection
Skills Development
Our goals should be in the title.
A meeting place where different things intersect.
A name that communicates our uniqueness!
"The C"
Working Title: (Community/Commercial) Connections
As you walk into this building, you know that cool things are going to happen...
Our Vision
Physical Space
There's indoor storage space.
Big windows
Joe loves his new unit.
A common gathering space
Playroom
TV room
Structured activities
Open to the public!
How could I contribute?
How could I learn skills I've been wanting to learn?
You already have a job in our kitchen & you don't even live here yet!
We can move the furniture around.
Joe meets "the boss"
Joe is excited & says yes!!
Employment services
Yoga
People exercising
Joe sees friendly, smiling faces
Hm... employment opportunity?
The entrance provides opportunities to connect
Welcome!
Doughnuts!
I've heard of this cool new place!
Joe meets with his support worker
I'm looking for a new place to live!
Kitchen
This is where the coffee + doughnuts come from!
Hospitality
Vibrant energy
Retail shops
Food & drink
Wellness services
Clinic
After Joe moves in, another day a new person will come to the door, and Joe will be the one welcoming them in!
Doughnuts!
We're beginning to imagine what's happening outside the building.
A person who really knows everyone!
Cultural Curator Concierge
Getting to know people & their strengths & challenges... so we can connect them!
An outcome: commercial + business acumen develops through these work...
The centre point for communication
Support Model
Planning community events
Can we organize a karaoke night?
Facilitating, not forcing, connections
Enhancing natural connections
Creating an atmosphere that helps people get to know each other
Emotional connection
A bridge builder
2 point of contact for local businesses & partners
Someone who's good at building a team
I love doing laundry!
Finding those people who want to contribute & get involved!
The overall idea is about diversity
Diversity is a strength
A loyal customer base
Commercial spaces
Jobs for support workers
Not for profit
Opportunities for volunteering
Exposure for them, if they're located in the common space
Consistency of staff + patrons
A place for singles to meet
A big advantage during a pandemic when you can't leave!
It's almost like the community blends into the building!
Having a variety of elements really increases accessibility!
Our "must haves"
Inclusive
Affordable
Accessible
Sustainable & viable
Supported by stakeholders
Safety
Co-designed/co-created with people with developmental disabilities
"Nice to have"
Job creation
Improved wages
Business case
The more amenities, the more people are encouraged to come + stay!
Attractive to developers?
Lower vacancy rate
The more variety, the more resilience
Diversity promotes sustainability
An opportunity to learn about people with disabilities!
Education
Just being around each other makes people want to socialize more
A place for residents' families to come + hang out
Benefits
Opportunity for people with developmental disabilities to develop natural supports
Moving away from an institutional model
Feeling of home
A balance of openness & safety
A balance of community & privacy
What might an affordable, accessible housing & support model that also supports the social inclusion & belonging of people with developmental disabilities look like?
Questions
How will opportunities to participate be communicated to the community?
Variety of tenants?
Community needs assessment
What key resources will bring this to life?
How many units?
Ratio & scale?
Location?
Efficient use of the space?
Government grants?
Funding?
A developer who's willing to put all these things in one building?
A definitive job description for the "concierge"
Long-term thinking
Someone who's willing to manage the project
Lining up commercial tenants
Contract
iMagine...
iMagine a space with none of the things we want
This place doesn't feel like a home to me.
I want to move... I'm lonely!
It's dark
No one's in the lobby... as usual.
No eye contact in the elevator.
They reach their unit with no interaction.
No connection is built.
Joe
The Journey Begins Here...
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