

architects chose to differentiate their buildings with variations in material (although most opted for orange brick) and architectural style. Further attention to historical detail has been attempted by incorporating bay windows, brick arches, and mansard roofs into apartment and townhouse design.

The problem of noise pollution – from the Gardiner expressway and the railways – has been the subject of intensive investigation.

Experience showed that buildings with units on only one side of the corridors could successfully act as buffers. Consequently, two of the housing developments on the site. Cathedral Court and Cityhome's eight-storey apartment building, were deliberately designed for this



*Woodsworth and Harmony Co-operative townhouses, with Cathedral Court Homes apartment, Gardiner expressway and Toronto harbourfront (upper left).*

purpose. I think they liked the idea of being part of a new neighbourhood like this". Many people also wanted to be within walking or bicycling distance of their place of work.

Shared interests or ideals have played a part in the various other co-operatives too. The David B. Archer Co-operative has been sponsored by the Metropolitan Toronto Labour Council. The Harmony

Co-operative is an association of 30 Czechoslovakian families who wish to live downtown. Cathedral Court Co-operative is sponsored by a foundation for developmentally handicapped children. Along with its townhouse and apartment units, it will have four group homes designed for children who cannot be cared for in their family home.

*(By Julia Weston, Habitat 1980.)*



*Pocket playground adjoins townhouses.*

Co-operative housing

Cathy Rideout, administrative assistant for Woodsworth Co-operative sponsored by Toronto's Co-operative Housing Federation, says, "I think people came here largely for two reasons; the first was a desire to live downtown, and the second because they wanted to live in the kind of community that a co-operative environ-



*Three-bedroom townhouse in Woodsworth Co-operative has bright kitchen with bay window, compact back yard with spacious deck.*

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