

## Questions and Answers about 950 Humboldt Street

### **What is happening at the site?**

Humboldt Street currently has 14 social housing units. This site will be redeveloped into approximately 53 self-contained studio and one-bedroom units with space for support services.

### **Why is this site being redeveloped?**

This public housing site is aging, in need of repair and costly to maintain. Redevelopment with new subsidized housing would make better use of this currently underdeveloped site. Built in the 1950s, this development is located on under-utilized land zoned for higher density.

### **What will happen to the current tenants?**

The Province will work closely with the current tenants to ensure they find suitable housing at other locations. All reasonable relocation costs will be covered by BC Housing.

### **Who will operate the new development?**

The Province will be issuing an invitation to non-profit housing societies to submit proposals to manage and operate the new development. Once a non-profit group has been selected, plans can start being developed.

### **Who will live in the new development?**

That will be determined once the non-profit group is selected. But the general target population is people at-risk-of-homelessness.

### **What services/supports will the tenants receive?**

That will also be more specifically determined once the housing provider is selected and program plans are developed. But the tenants could be provided with a range of support services in addition to the housing component, such as counselling, life-skills training, and employment and education programs.

### **What is the Good Neighbour Agreement?**

Good Neighbour Agreements are documents outlining the relationship between a housing development and the local neighbourhood, and could include business groups, neighbourhood associations, and the police, for example. These agreements address issues such as support service operations, security and staffing, rules and regulations, property maintenance, and who to contact in the event of an emergency. These will be developed by the non-profit housing provider in consultation with the local community, and are usually signed by representatives of all the participating groups.

### **When will development start? Be completed?**

Construction is estimated to start by the end of 2008, with completion in late 2009 or early 2010.