New Supportive Housing proposed for Chilliwack

Ensuring everyone has a place to call home.

Proposed Project:
46 self-contained units of supportive housing. Daily breakfast and hot meal; life-skills training and access to health services.

Proposed Location:
45880/45888/45896 Trethewey Avenue

Operated by:
RainCity Housing with 24/7 staffing working closely with tenants to connect them to support services.

Who is it for:
People experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Housing Type:
Safe and secure self-contained (own bathroom and kitchenette) studio, with shared amenity space, and staff on-site 24/7.

Timeline:
August 2018: Official Community Plan amendment and Zoning Bylaw Application submitted to the City of Chilliwack
September 4: 1st and 2nd Readings
September 11: Neighbourhood Open House
September 18: Public Hearing
TBD: Final reading
Fall/Winter 2018: If application is successful, development will begin on-site
Spring 2019: Housing opens
People who apply to live here need to:

- Be over the age of 19
- Have a history of homelessness in Chilliwack
- Need additional support services to maintain housing

Tenant Selection Process:

RainCity Housing will work with BC Housing and local service providers to ensure the needs of a potential resident are well matched to the types of support services provided. People are assessed through the Vulnerability Assessment Tool, which helps determine the support services they need to remain housed and live a more healthy, stable life, while ensuring a healthy resident mix within a building. All tenants will pay rent.

Why do people experience homelessness?

Homelessness is usually the result of many factors including:

- A lack of adequate income
- A lack of access to affordable housing and medical services
- Experiences of discrimination
- Traumatic events and personal crisis
- Physical health problems or disabilities
- Mental health concerns

All tenants in supportive housing have made a choice to work towards living a healthy, stable life.