PROPOSED SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR LANGLEY

BC Housing has applied to the Township of Langley to rezone the property at 6465 201 Street, formerly the Quality Inn, for the development of 49 units of supportive housing and programming space for people who are transitioning out of homelessness. This new supportive housing development will be operated by Stepping Stone Community Services Society; and include an office for a new Intensive Case Management (ICM) team to provide access to treatment for people who are homeless. The ICM team is funded through Fraser Health, and led by the Langley Community Services Society in partnership with The Salvation Army, Encompass Support Services Society and Stepping Stone.

What is supportive housing?
Supportive housing is not a shelter. Shelters provide emergency access to a temporary shelter bed. The primary focus for shelters is moving people into housing. Supportive housing provides 24/7 on-site support services with access to treatment programs, employment and life skills programming. The goal for supportive housing is to help people transition to independent and stable housing, where appropriate.

Who will be living there?
The supportive housing units have eligibility requirements around income, homelessness, required supports and programming. A Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT) will be used to determine eligibility and help match the available supports to a person’s needs. We will be housing low income individuals over the age of 19 who have a history of homelessness and who need additional support services to maintain housing. Priority will be given to people who are homeless in Langley.

Visit www.bchousing.org/partner-services/public-engagement/langley-supportive
Email communityrelations@bchousing.org
A March 2017 homeless count found 206 individuals experiencing homelessness in the City and Township of Langley. The homeless population more than doubled in the past three years.

The proposed supportive housing would be the first congregated supportive housing for Langley. Currently, there are 50 rent supplements provided to homeless and homeless at risk individuals to rent in the private market. Adding 49 units of supportive housing would almost double the access to supportive housing. The benefit of congregate housing versus scattered housing in the private market is the immediate access to supportive services.

When will this supportive housing open?
The estimated occupancy will be dictated by the municipal process. The Public Information Meeting on October 30 is part of the municipal requirement to gather community feedback before Frist Reading of the Rezoning Application. There is a set municipal process ahead, which will involve a Public Hearing, to be scheduled by the Township of Langley. Occupancy cannot be achieved until all readings are completed, a Building Permit is applied for and granted, a Business License is applied for and granted. The need for this housing is immediate, so we will work with the Township of Langley to move through the rezoning process as efficiently as possible.

How will you address the concerns in the neighborhood? How will you handle issues?
Stepping Stone Community Services Society is committed to being a good neighbour in developing new supportive housing that is an asset to the community. Our commitments include communication with the neighborhood; identifying tenant expectations; rules and regulations; addressing concerns in a timely manner. BC Housing will have expectations on administration and management of the housing units. A Community Advisory Committee will be formed to include representation from community partners, BC Housing, Fraser Health, the Township and the Chamber of Commerce, and will meet regularly.

How can I provide input?
- Email communityrelations@bchousing.org.
- Fill out a comment form at this Public Information Meeting.
- Participate in the Public Hearing (date TBD.)
- Learn more about the Community Advisory Committee.