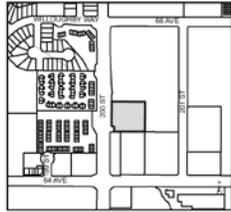




Stepping Stone
Community Services Society



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.

Services

<p>Individual units provide safe, affordable housing</p> 	<p>24/7 staffing and support services</p> 	<p>Intensive Case Management Team on-site</p> 
<p>One meal a day provided</p> 	<p>Laundry</p> 	<p>Social connection</p> 
<p>Accessible for a diverse group (provide transition for people who are homeless or at risk, from shelter, the street and unstable housing)</p> 	<p>Connect to local community services</p> 	<p>Peer and low-barrier employment opportunities will be explored</p> 
<p>Referral to healthcare, mental health and substance use services</p> 	<p>Trauma-informed support and care to assist people in stabilizing and creating plans to move from homelessness to successfully housed.</p> 	<p>Outreach worker assists with income issues and housing search.</p> 
<p>A Community Advisory Committee will be formed with representation from BC Housing, Stepping Stone Community Services Society, Fraser Health, RCMP, local businesses, community organizations and community members, which meet regularly as a forum to raise and address any community concerns/issues</p> 		<p>Good Neighbour initiatives: Management will follow up directly about complaints in a timely manner.</p> 

Visit www.bchousing.org/partner-services/public-engagement/langley-supportive

Email communityrelations@bchousing.org

Community Need

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 congregated 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 First 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.