Temporary Supportive Housing
11749 Burnett Street, Maple Ridge

Small Group Discussions
May 2019
Guidelines

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• Allow space for others (one question at a time, avoid interruptions)
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Look of the Day

- Brief introductions (name only)
- BC Housing presentation (please hold questions to the end)
- Questions, Concerns & Information
- Opportunity for further written comments
Pathways into Homelessness

Homelessness is a complex issue and there are number of factors that may cause and experience of homelessness:

• Poverty
• Lack of access to affordable housing
• A traumatic event or personal crisis
• Mental health and/or substance use concerns
Housing Need in Maple Ridge

• In 2017 **124 people** were counted as experiencing homelessness in Maple Ridge
• **60%** have lived in Maple Ridge for **ten or more years**
• At present, approximately **100 people in shelter beds each night**
New supportive modular housing is opening across BC, including the following in Metro Vancouver:

- Abbotsford
- Burnaby
- Surrey
- Richmond
- Maple Ridge
- Chilliwack
- New West
- Vancouver
Supportive housing - A Home with Supports (Not a Shelter)

• Supportive housing is a self-contained studio home with supports on-site
• Each unit includes a private bathroom and kitchenette
Burnett Supportive Housing

**Project:** 51 studio homes with supports; staff on-site 24/7.

**Supports:** Daily breakfast + hot meal; access to health services.

**Who is it for:** People experiencing/at risk of homelessness; low-income singles + couples.

**Timeline:** Construction start late April, opening October 2019.

The new temporary supportive housing operated by Coast Mental Health and located at 11749 Burnett St. in Maple Ridge.
With on-site supports....

- Daily meal services
- Individual case planning
- Individual & group services

Connection to community supports

*(education & employment opportunities, health & wellness services)*
Who would live here?

People who apply to live here would need to:

• Be a local resident over the age of 19
• Have a history of homelessness or be at risk of homelessness
• Need additional support services to maintain housing
• Live in Maple Ridge
Resident Selection Process

• Collaborative + thorough assessment process (BC Housing, Coast Mental Health, Fraser Health + local service providers) to ensure needs of resident well matched to types of support services provided in building.

• Every potential resident considered on individual basis to ensure that housing + services provided match support services needed (life skills training; employment assistance; help accessing range of social and health care services.)
What We've Heard from Maple Ridge...

- Too close to schools
- Need Access to Services
- Increase crime in the neighbourhood
- Concern around Tenants with Addictions
- Increase needles in the area
- Concern about Tenants Behaviours
- Bringing people in from out of town
Integrating Successfully into the Community

- Resident Supports
- Community Advisory Committee
- 24/7 Staffing Support
- Property Maintenance
- Over 45 years Experience
- Resident & Neighbourhood Safety
- Design Features

BC HOUSING
Where can I get more information?

- Share feedback/questions at letstalkhousingbc.ca/Burnett-Street
- Send questions to communityrelations@bchousing.org
Questions?
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