Orca Place Supportive Housing
222 Corfield Street South, Parksville

Community Information Sessions
June 2019
Session Purpose

• Provide an update for neighbours and stakeholders of Orca Place (222 Corfield Street South) about when the building will be opening and how it will be operated
• Answer participants’ questions and give people an opportunity to learn more
• Seek feedback on elements of the Community Advisory Committee terms of reference
Facilitator Role

- Independent, neutral third-party
- Help create a safe, respectful space for information sharing
- Help ensure your questions are answered
- Keep us on time / following the agenda
Process Values

How we will work together for this meeting, in everyone’s best interest:
• We will treat each other with respect and dignity
• We will balance air time
  - One person speaks at a time
• We will speak only for ourselves
• We value all people, and the language we use will reflect this
  - Aggressive or offensive language, or shouting voices will not be tolerated
• We will follow the agenda, meeting timeline and guiding principle of respect
• We protect privacy for all – no recording (photography, video)
# Our Agenda

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<td>6:30 – 6:45 p.m.</td>
<td>Welcome, housekeeping, who’s in the room</td>
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<td>Top Questions + Answers</td>
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<td>Presentation</td>
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<td>Q&amp;A continued</td>
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<td>Small-group discussion: Feedback on CAC terms of reference</td>
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<td>Discussion: how to build community for all, <strong>OR</strong> Q&amp;A cont.</td>
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<td>7:55 – 8:00</td>
<td>Wrap-up and closing</td>
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*Source: BC Housing*
Pre-Session Survey

• Developed by facilitation team to help ensure everyone has an opportunity to have their questions answered
  - to help us balance air time
  - to answer as many questions as we can in the time we have

• Facilitation team has themed questions across all sessions, and for each session individually
Top questions across all sessions

1. There are safety concerns, particularly about the potential for increased prevalence of drugs and related issues in the neighbourhood. How will this be managed, both in terms of helping residents and keeping the community safe?

2. How will the community be involved with Orca Place: getting information, reporting concerns, and supporting residents?

3. Who will be living at Orca Place: how are they selected, what's their character and background, and will this be their permanent home?

4. How will the building be operated: what are the supports for residents, what are the rules for residents?
Please be advised:
The lawsuit filed by community member against the City of Parksville has now been settled outside of court, and we cannot disclose the terms of an out of court settlement.

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<td>52 homes with supports, no cold weather shelter (response to community concerns.)</td>
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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, physical violence or personal crisis
• Mental health and/or substance use concerns
• Disabilities, brain injuries, multiple medical conditions
Housing Need in Parksville

- In 2018 **42 people** were counted as experiencing homelessness
- **67%** have lived in the Oceanside region for **over two years**
- **29%** were older than **55**
Rapid Response to Homelessness

New supportive modular housing is opening across BC, including the following in on Vancouver Island:

- Courtenay
- Parksville
- Port Alberni
- Victoria
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
Orca Place Supportive Housing

**Project:** 52 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:** Opening August 2019.

*The new supportive housing operated by Island Crisis Care Society and located at 222 Corfield Street South in Parksville.*
With on-site supports:

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

Connection to community supports (education & employment opportunities, health & wellness services)
Who will live here?

People who apply to live here 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 the Oceanside area
Resident Selection Process

• Collaborative + thorough assessment process (BC Housing, Island Crisis Care Society, Island 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 Parksville...

- Not enough public input
- Safety of seniors and children
- Increase crime in the neighbourhood
- Increase needles in the area
- Concern around Residents with Addictions
- Impact on tourism
- Bringing people in from out of town
Integrating Successfully into the Community

- Community Advisory Committee
- 24/7 Staffing Support
- Property Maintenance
- Design Features
- Over 30 years Experience

Resident & Neighbourhood Safety

Resident Supports
Small-Group Discussions: Community Advisory Committee

• In your table groups, work through the discussion questions and provide your feedback.
• Project partner reps will take notes of the discussion.
Small-Group Discussions: CAC

• Refer to the DRAFT Terms of Reference print-outs on the tables.
• Selection process for the five community seats:

“Community member representation (5 seats) will be filled through an application process with preference given to a person who:

– is willing to abide by the Committee Terms of Reference and required time commitments
– is currently affiliated with multiple community organizations
– has experience representing their community on other committees/boards, etc.
– lives or owns a business within a five-block radius of the housing site.”
Small-Group Discussions: CAC

Discussion questions:
1. Do you have any suggestions or feedback on the draft selection process and criteria?
2. How should the CAC work to communicate with the broader community?