Safety Guidelines

To ensure a safe and welcoming event, the following items are NOT allowed inside the meeting venue:

- Flags, banners, placards or posters
- Drones or other similar objects
- Outside food, drinks, alcohol, illegal substances, glass bottles and cans
- Any animal, unless a service animal
- Any object that makes noise (bells, horns)
- Fireworks or other pyrotechnical apparatus
- Laser pointers
- Knives or other weapons
- Any object that is deemed suspicious by security personnel
Welcome to the Community Open House

Proposed Modular Supportive Housing in Richmond

7300 Elmbridge Way

Community Open House | Wednesday, February 28

3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Please drop in to learn more about the proposed project and talk with representatives from the City of Richmond, BC Housing and RainCity Housing. We look forward to working together with the community on a plan for this essential housing.
Housing Need in Richmond

Homelessness is usually the result of many factors including a lack of adequate income, access to affordable housing and medical services, experiences of discrimination, traumatic events and personal crisis, physical health problems or disabilities and mental health concerns.

According to the 2017 Homeless Count in Richmond:

- **70** people are homeless
- **84%** increase since 2014
- **78%** have lived in Richmond for more than 1 year

According to local Richmond non-profit service providers:

- Over **120** individuals currently require outreach support
- Approximately **130** individuals seeking shelter are turned away monthly from The Salvation Army Richmond House emergency shelter
- Approximately **60** women seeking shelter turned away monthly from the Chimo Nova House for women fleeing violence
New Housing Needed

People who are homeless in Richmond currently have access to the following housing and services including:

- **20** rent supplements in the private market  
  Operator: Chimo Community Services

- **10** year-round shelter beds for men only  
  Operator: The Salvation Army

- **26** mats for Extreme Weather Response  
  (November to March)  
  Operator: Chimo Community Services & The Salvation Army

The following new housing is proposed:

- **30** bed co-ed shelter in development  
  Operator: The Salvation Army

- **40** units of modular, supportive housing proposed  
  Operator: RainCity Housing
New supportive housing proposed for Richmond

Ensuring everyone has a place to call home.

Proposed Project:
40 units of modular, supportive housing. Daily breakfast and hot meal; life-skills training and access to health services.

Proposed Location:
7300 Elmbridge Way for up to 5 years.

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

Who it is for:
People seeking move out of shelters or off the street toward independence and improved quality of life.

Housing Type:
Safe and secure self-contained (own bathroom and kitchenette) studio, with shared amenity space.

Proposed Timeline:
- Mayor and Council to review proposal: Spring 2018, if approved:
- City of Richmond development application process: Spring 2018
- Construction: Summer/Fall 2018
- Occupancy: Late 2018/Early 2019

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Example of Modular Housing

This rendering is a sample of what the building may look like. Subject to change during the development and approvals process.

This Site Plan is subject to change during the potential development process.
Spectrum of Housing Options

Proposed

7300 Elmbridge Way
- 40 units of modular, supportive housing

Homeless and At Risk
( Emergency Weather Shelters, Shelters, Transitional Housing)

Rental Housing
( Non-Market Housing, Low-End Market Rental, Purpose-Built Rental)

Homeownership
( Affordable Homeownership, Market Homeownership)

Highlights
- Creation of 40 units of supportive housing for low-income individuals at-risk or experiencing homelessness
- Allows people to move from the streets or shelter beds into stable housing with supportive services
- Combination of housing and supports will give people the opportunity to transition from temporary housing to secure, longer-term housing options
Support Services

- 24/7 professional support staff
- Safe and secure place to sleep
- Breakfast and one hot meal a day
- Private Washrooms
- Laundry
- Social Connection
- Accessible for a diverse group
- Connection to local community services
- Peer employment opportunities

Referral to health care, mental health and addiction services

Trauma-informed support and care to assist people in stabilizing and creating plans to move from homelessness to successfully housed.

Outreach worker assists with income issues, apartment viewings, securing housing and liaising with landlords to support stable tenancies.
City-owned land at 7300 Elmbridge Way is being considered as a temporary site for up to 5 years for the modular supportive housing.

The City of Richmond acknowledges that an appropriate mix of housing types for a variety of households is essential to creating a livable community. Since the development of the Affordable Housing Strategy in 2007, the City has secured over 1,500 affordable housing unit in Richmond.

The City works in partnership with other levels of government and the non-profit sector to find solutions to housing affordability. The proposed modular, supportive housing fills a gap in the housing continuum and helps to support individuals in need to achieve stable housing.

RainCity Housing is an experienced and professional non-profit housing provider who would operate the units and provide ongoing support, life skills training and referrals to other services.

RainCity Housing provides innovative, outcome oriented programs and services for people experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness.

BC Housing would provide capital and operational funding for the proposed modular, supportive housing on City-owned land.

BC Housing works in partnership with the private and non-profit sectors, provincial health authorities and ministries, other levels of government and community groups to develop a range of housing options.

Vancouver Coastal Health continues to provide a range of inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance use services to the Richmond community. These include adult and older adult mental health teams, acute home based treatment and withdrawal management, outpatient substance use counseling and opioid replacement therapy. Many of these services are located in close proximity to the proposed housing site.

Vancouver Coastal Health is responsible for the delivery of community, hospital and residential care to more than one million people in communities including Richmond, Vancouver, the North Shore, Sunshine Coast, Sea to Sky corridor, Powell River, Bella Bella and Bella Coola, and is the province’s hub of health care education and research.

We are committed to ensuring that everyone has a place to call home.
Process and Next Steps

City Council has approved the housing in principle and has directed project partners to consult with the community. The proposed modular, supportive housing will need to go through a development permit process with the City of Richmond. The next steps include:

1. Housing Approved in Principle
   January 2018

2. Community Consultation
   Open House and Online Survey – February/March 2018

3. Presentation of Consultation Summary to City Council
   March 2018

If the project is approved, BC Housing will begin the development process:

4. Development Permit Application
   Spring 2018

5. Building Permit Application
   Spring 2018

6. Construction start
   Summer/Fall 2018
How Can I Provide Input?

Complete the online survey LetsTalkRichmond.ca until March 11

Fill out a paper survey at the open house tonight and submit to staff or scan and email to affordablehousing@richmond.ca

Email affordablehousing@richmond.ca or communityrelations@bchousing.org