Thank You for Coming

We respectfully ask you to:

• Spread the word and get involved – we want to hear from the greatest number of community members possible;
• Ensure comments and discussions are respectful;
• Help us ensure that everyone is able to speak and be heard;
• Recognize that the issues are complex and we need thoughtful discussion about how to meet community needs;
• Share your thoughts – join the conversation tonight or through communityrelations@bchousing.org or join the Community Advisory Committee.

Please note that this session will be recorded for the purposes of preparing a summary report. Your comments and questions may be made public.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR PROPOSED SHELTER IN SECHELT

5:30 pm  Doors open, view poster boards and talk with the project team

6:00 pm  Presentation by BC Housing

6:15-8:00 pm  Facilitated dialogue with panel of representatives from BC Housing, RainCity Housing, Vancouver Coastal Health, St.Hilda’s Church and the Sunshine Coast Homeless Advisory Committee
BC Housing and RainCity Housing are proposing to temporarily relocate the existing St. Hilda’s shelter to District-owned land on the northeast corner of the intersection of Ebttide Street and Trail Avenue. The proposed shelter will provide enhanced services, more beds and is part of a plan to provide additional options in Sechelt for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

**Thank you to St. Hilda’s Church**

St. Hilda’s Church has asked BC Housing to consider another location for the existing shelter when the current agreement expires on November 1, 2017. St. Hilda’s is a long standing and valued partner in helping to address the homeless needs in Sechelt. We would like to acknowledge and thank them for the many years of service.
Community Need

54 homeless individuals counted as part of the 2009 District of Sechelt Homeless Count.

Outreach workers currently interact with over 90 individuals in need of housing.

96% are from the Sunshine Coast.

84% are male.

60% are over 50 years old.

St. Hilda’s Church

EXPIRY NOVEMBER 1, 2017

15 beds

Mat on floor

Gender Configuration

Mixed

Support Services

a day operation + a volunteer food program

Clients need to leave the shelter between 7am and 7pm.

Proposed Shelter

3 YEAR TERM

Increased number of beds

Single bed

Gender Configuration

Segregated, coed common space

Support Services

a day staffing + meal program

The shelter is open to clients all day, there is no need to leave.

As the community need has grown, it has outgrown the existing shelter, which is often over capacity with mats on the floor, without the ability to provide designated areas for couples and women who are fleeing violence.
Ebbtide Street & Trail Avenue meets all the necessary requirements:

- Connection to services (sewer, power, etc.)
- Proximity to amenities and transit
- Connection to community services
- Flat site to accommodate modular shelter
- Ready for use by winter 2017/18

Local realtor was employed to assist with a comprehensive site search including several single family homes and condo units, however the model of scattered housing is difficult for providing appropriate services.

RainCity reached out in a Coast Reporter article in November 2016 to ask for leads on a new location.
The Bigger Picture: Shelter + Supportive Housing in Sechelt

BC Housing will be proposing a High Tide Supportive Housing development in the same neighbourhood as the proposed shelter, as part of a plan to provide additional housing options in Sechelt for individuals who are homeless or a risk.

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The Housing Continuum

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Conceptual Renderings

Proposed Shelter Location at Ebbtide Street & Trail Avenue

We are proposing using existing modular housing rather than purpose built modular units. This will be faster to implement, easier to move and will not have a poured foundation.

The rendering here provide an example of the approximate form and layout. The final number of units and design will be determined by what existing modular housing is currently available.
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**Good Neighbour initiatives:**

Experienced staff **available by phone 24/7**, trained in responding to with any potential issues quickly and effectively. Management follows up **directly with complaints any party makes** with action plans to resolve issues.

**A Community Advisory Committee**
will be formed with representatives from BC Housing, RainCity Housing, Vancouver Coastal Health, RCMP, local businesses, community organizations and community members, which will meet regularly as a forum to **raise and address any community concerns/issues.**
How can I provide input?

Email communityrelations@bchhousing.org

Fill out a comment form

Participate in the Public Hearing

Join the Community Advisory Committee*

* please note that we will be selecting people based on who would be most directly affected.