Housing Need in Surrey

In 2017, the Homeless Count found 602 homeless individuals in Surrey.

399 were sheltered
203 were living on the streets

People who are homeless in Surrey currently have access to the following BC Housing funded services:

Outreach workers | Shelters | Transitional Housing | Supportive Housing | Rent Supplements in Private Market
The Face of Homelessness

According to the 2017 Surrey Homeless Count:

Why do people experience homelessness?

- A lack of adequate income and access to affordable housing (50% say rents too high to maintain housing)
- Physical health problems or disabilities or mental health concerns (83% have at least one health condition)
- Experiences of discrimination, traumatic events and personal crisis
Supportive Housing Story

Jane* was a resident of the Surrey encampment and then a guest of multiple shelters in the Surrey area prior to moving into the Temporary Modular housing on 135A. She initially had a difficult time transitioning into the modular housing, making some decisions that led her to choose to start selling drugs and engage in unsafe behaviors. Using consistent interventions and strong, detailed case planning, the site staff were able to engage with her to stop the illegal activity and to seek other more positive ways to spend her time. She is now actively engaged in the building’s Peer programming and is seen as a leader in the building’s community. Jane is now an active member of the Tenant Advisory Committee on site, works to advocate for her neighbours, and is considering applying for employment in the community.

* Jane is a pseudonym to protect the privacy of this person.
Addressing Homelessness in Surrey

The proposed housing for **14706 104 Avenue** is part of a larger plan to provide permanent homes with supports for those experiencing homelessness across Surrey. The intention is to build the housing into the fabric of the community to help people transition from homelessness to health. The City of Surrey and BC Housing continue to evaluate sites across the city with the site determination based on:

- City (or provincially) owned land
- Proximity to community services
- Accessibility to transit
- Adequate lot size
- Connections to utilities
- Compatible land use policies

**PHASE 1**  
Transitional Accommodation

- 161 units across 3 sites
- People moved from 135A street into shelters and transitional accommodation units

**PHASE 2**  
Permanent Supportive Housing

- 250 units across 5 sites
New Homes with Supports Proposed for Surrey

Ensuring everyone has a place to call home.

**Proposed Project:**
Approximately 60 new homes with supports. Daily breakfast and hot meal; life-skills training and access to health services.

**Proposed Location:**
14706 104 Avenue.

**Operated by:**
Lookout Housing + Health Society, who currently operates the Guildford Shelter (adjacent property.)

**Who is it for:**
People experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Surrey.

**Housing Type:**
Safe and secure self-contained (own bathroom and kitchenette) studio; shared amenity space; staff on-site 24/7; daily breakfast + hot meal; life-skills training and access to health services.

**Timeline:**
- BC Housing conducts public engagement
- Rezoning & Development Permit Application
- Public Information Meeting: June 20
- Intro to City Council: To be determined
- Public Hearing: To be determined
- Feedback collected on the proposed project
- City Council process