New Supportive Housing Proposed for Victoria

** Proposed Project:**
21 self-contained culturally supportive studio homes

**Proposed Location:**
800 block of Hillside Avenue

**Operated by:**
Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness

**Who is it for:**
First Nations, Metis and Inuit women

**Housing Type:**
Safe, secure, self-contained studio apartments with shared amenity space.

**This site provides:**
- Proximity to services and transit
- Currently vacant land owned by the Provincial Rental Housing Corporation
- A site that can be developed in a timely way
Housing Along the Spectrum

**Highlights**

- Creation of 21 new homes for First Nation, Metis and Inuit women
- Provides stable and supportive housing
- Opportunity for women to move off the streets and out of precarious housing

**PLANNED**

21 units of supportive housing at 800 Hillside Avenue
Who would live in this housing?

Women who apply to live here will need to:

- Be a resident of Greater Victoria
- Identify as First Nations, Metis or Inuit
- Be over the age of 19
- Be experiencing or at risk of homelessness
- Need additional support to maintain housing

Tenant Selection Process:

- Women must apply through the Supportive Housing Registry.
- Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness will work with BC Housing and local service providers to ensure the needs of a potential tenant are well matched to the types of support services provided.
- Women will be assessed using a thorough and thoughtful process to determine the support services they need to remain housed and live a more healthy, stable life, while ensuring a healthy tenant mix within a building.

What are some of the contributing factors to homelessness?

There are various factors which contribute to homelessness for Indigenous women such as:

- Inter-generational trauma
- Racial and cultural discrimination
- Lack of access to affordable housing
- Societal marginalization and poverty
- Domestic violence and violence against Indigenous women

All tenants would pay rent, sign a program agreement and make a choice to work toward living a healthy, stable life.
All tenants would have access to a range of culturally supportive housing supports on-site.

- **24/7 staffing and support services**
- **Safe place to sleep**
- **Connect to local community services**
- **Connection to employment programs**
- **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.
- **Meals provided**
- **Social connection**
- **Affordable Rents**
- **Accessible units**
- **Laundry**