



Hello Neighbour,

We are writing to let you know that BC Housing is partnering with the Phoenix Drug and Alcohol Recovery and Education Society on a proposal to provide approximately 50 supportive homes and a 40-bed shelter for people experiencing homelessness in Chilliwack, which will replace The Portal Shelter on Yale Road.

The Phoenix Society is a multi-service agency with over 30 years' experience. They have extensive experience within the Lower Mainland, providing accessible services and opportunities to people who face barriers related to addiction, mental health, housing, education, criminal justice involvement and/ or employment and are pleased to be welcoming them into the community.

These new homes would be located at **45825, 45835, 45845 and 45855 Rowat Ave. and 45865 Trethewey Avenue**. This chosen location is ideal for the shelter and supportive housing as it close to public transportation and amenities such as clinics, grocery stores and other services.

The proposed housing would include supportive housing and the shelter in one development, in addition to cultural spaces, meeting rooms and a commercial kitchen. The 50 supportive homes would be studio apartments with their own integrated bathroom and kitchen and provide housing with a person-centered approach that meets people where they are at to help them thrive. Staff will be on-site 24 hours a day to ensure residents can achieve and maintain housing stability and receive important supports such as life skill training, wellness checks, mentorship and other health and skill development programs. Applicants will go through a thorough assessment process to ensure an appropriate mix of residents with the right supports. All residents will sign a program agreement (similar to a tenancy agreement) and will pay rent.

The proposed 40-beds provided by the shelter will give people experiencing homelessness in Chilliwack a safe, warm, physically distanced place to stay. Staff will onsite 24-hours a day to assist shelter guests.

BC Housing and the Phoenix Society have submitted a rezoning application to the City of Chilliwack. There will be the opportunity for the community to attend information session on the proposed project and we will be reaching back out to you in the next couple of weeks with these dates and times. These sessions will provide an opportunity for the community to ask questions and gain further information.

For more information about the proposed project, please visit: [letstalkhousingbc.ca/chilliwack-rowat](http://letstalkhousingbc.ca/chilliwack-rowat). This site will be live Tuesday, March 2.

If you have questions in the meantime, please contact BC Housing at [communityrelations@bchousing.org](mailto:communityrelations@bchousing.org)

Kind regards,

BC Housing Communications