

1275 7th Avenue, Hope

Supportive Housing and Shelter



The Project

BC Housing, the District of Hope, Fraser Health and the Hope and Area Transition Society (HATS), are working together on a proposed combined modular shelter, supportive housing and Extreme Weather Response shelter at 1275 7th Avenue, Hope.

The proposed new supportive building will offer safe and secure housing and shelter to community members experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

What is the Housing Need in Hope?

The number of people experiencing homelessness across the region is rising. In the 2020 Point-in-Time count, 69 people were identified as homeless, up from 42 in 2017. Social service providers report more people at risk of homelessness and higher wait lists for social and non-market housing.

The Operator

The Hope and Area Transition Society (HATS) has been selected as the operator for the proposed new supportive housing and shelter.

HATS is currently operating the House of Hope Emergency Shelter at 650 Old Hope Princeton Way, and has over 30 years of experience in Hope providing domestic violence, substance use, homelessness and youth and family services.



What services would be in the building?

Supportive Housing

Approximately 50 - 60 modular homes would provide self-contained studio homes with various support services provided on-site, to ensure people can achieve and maintain housing stability. On-site supports for residents may include:

- On-site support workers
- Life skills training and employment assistance
- Connection and referral to community services and support groups

Shelter

15 shelter beds will provide a warm, safe space for people to stay. The shelter will be open 24/7 and provide connections from guests to community services.

Extreme Weather Response

15 beds to provide emergency shelter during a time of extreme weather.

Community safety

We are committed to building a safe community both inside and outside the housing with:

Experience: BC Housing and HATS have extensive experience providing services and housing to people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness across the region.

Staffing: HATS staff would be on-site 24/7 to support residents, manage the building, and be available to respond directly to any related questions that arise, in a timely manner.

Resident Mix: Supportive housing residents are selected through a thoughtful and thorough assessment process. Every resident is considered on an individual basis to ensure that the housing and services provided by the program match the supports they need.

Property Maintenance: Regular cleanups of property and immediate area would ensure cleanliness.

Design Features: There will be security features in place that will benefit residents and neighbours alike such as a single point of entry, well-lit and fenced grounds, landscaping, and outdoor space.

Good Neighbours: Residents would sign a program agreement and act as good neighbours.

Community Advisory Committee: A Community Advisory Committee would be created to support the successful integration of the building into the community, with anticipated representation from BC Housing, the District of Hope, HATS, Fraser Health, policing, businesses and neighbours.

Engagement Opportunities

As part of the engagement process, BC Housing and partners are reaching out to the community before an application is submitted to the District, to share plans and seek feedback. Once an application has been submitted, we will be reaching back out to the community to engage as part of the rezoning process.

Who would live here?

Adults who apply to live in the supportive housing would be over the age of 19, and need to meet eligibility requirements around income, homelessness and required supports and programming.

Priority would be given to residents of Hope. BC Housing and HATS would work with local service providers to determine the criteria and select residents. All new residents would pay rent and sign an agreement.

Shelter guests will be from Hope and be at risk of, or currently experiencing, homelessness.

Partners & Collaborators

BC Housing, the District and HATS will engage with Fraser Health to discuss support services that could potentially be provided at the site. HATS would manage the housing and provide support services to residents.



Contact Us



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