



February 14, 2022

Dear Neighbour,

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

Currently, the only year-round shelter in Hope has space for 20-beds and is operated by HATS at 650 Old Hope Princeton Highway. There is a need to move the location of the current shelter as it is not a long-term solution. The need for shelter and homes with supports continues to grow in Hope, with 69 people identified as homeless in the 2020 Point-in-Time count.

The proposed location is owned by Fraser Health and is next to the hospital, providing easy access to services and transit for future residents.

The proposed modular building would:

- Provide approximately 52 homes with supports, 15 shelter beds and 15 Extreme Weather Response beds
- Be managed and operated by HATS
- Have 24/7 staffing to support residents

The proposed site would need to be rezoned and an amendment made to the Official Community Plan before the construction of the modular housing could take place.

### **The Operator**

The Hope and Area Transition Society (HATS) is a non-profit society in Hope that provides client-centered programs/services to individuals and families. Through a trauma-informed approach, HATS offers clients and the community, services, advocacy and education to build resiliency, empowerment and inclusion.

### **Community Engagement**

Before submitting an application to the District, we would like to share preliminary plans with you, answer any questions you may have, and hear your feedback.

We will be hosting a virtual session on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm – 7:30pm that we welcome you to attend. You will have the opportunity to hear from and ask questions of our speakers from BC Housing, HATS, the building architect and Fraser Health.

If you are interested in attending, please go to <https://letstalkhousingbc.ca/hopebc> to register.

This session is a pre-regulatory engagement as plans are still being developed, and we want to hear from the community. Once a formal rezoning application has been submitted to the District, there will be further community engagement as part of the rezoning process.

As the project continues to move forward, we will be updating the Let's Talk page on the BC Housing website.



If you have any questions about the virtual session or the project, please feel free to email us at [communityrelations@bchousing.org](mailto:communityrelations@bchousing.org).

Kind regards,

BC Housing, District of Hope, HATS and Fraser Health