

Welcome

Community Open House Pathways Centre

142 Tranquille Road, Kamloops



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- The Province's HEART & HEARTH Program
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November 21, 2024 | 5pm – 7pm
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- Visit stations around the room to chat with project specialists and representatives from all project partners.
- Help yourself to refreshments.
- This event is being video and audio recorded.

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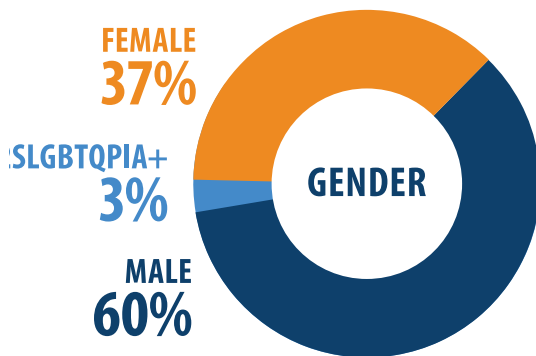


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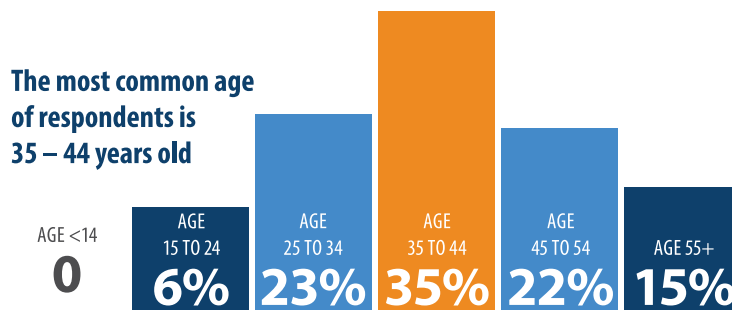
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POINT-IN-TIME 2023 KEY HIGHLIGHTS



INDIGENOUS EXPERIENCE OF HOMELESSNESS

- 52%** of respondents identified as Indigenous
- 43%** of respondents have residential school experience
- 48%** of Indigenous respondents were in the foster care system
- 30%** of Indigenous respondents have experience discrimination as a barrier to housing



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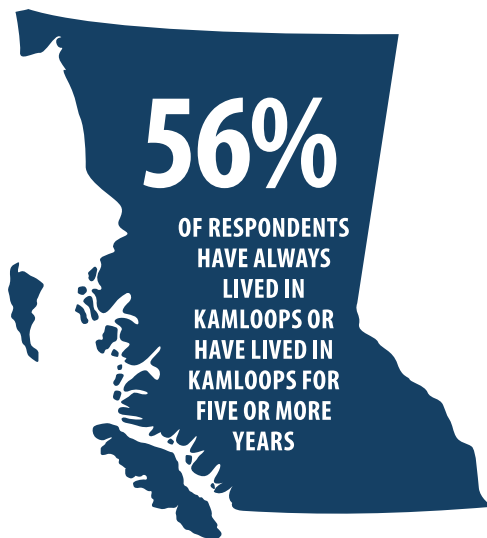
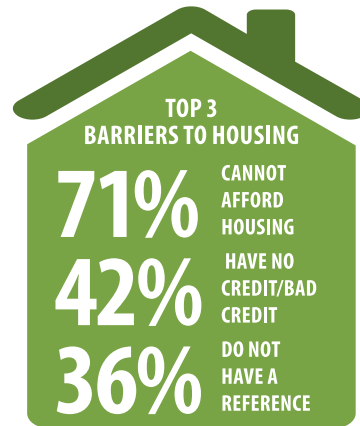
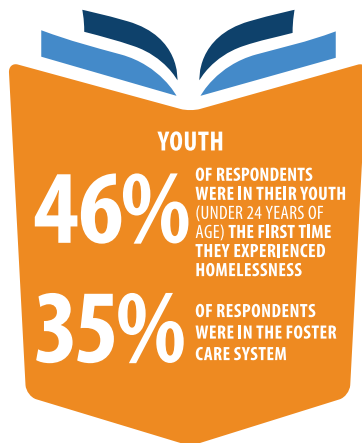


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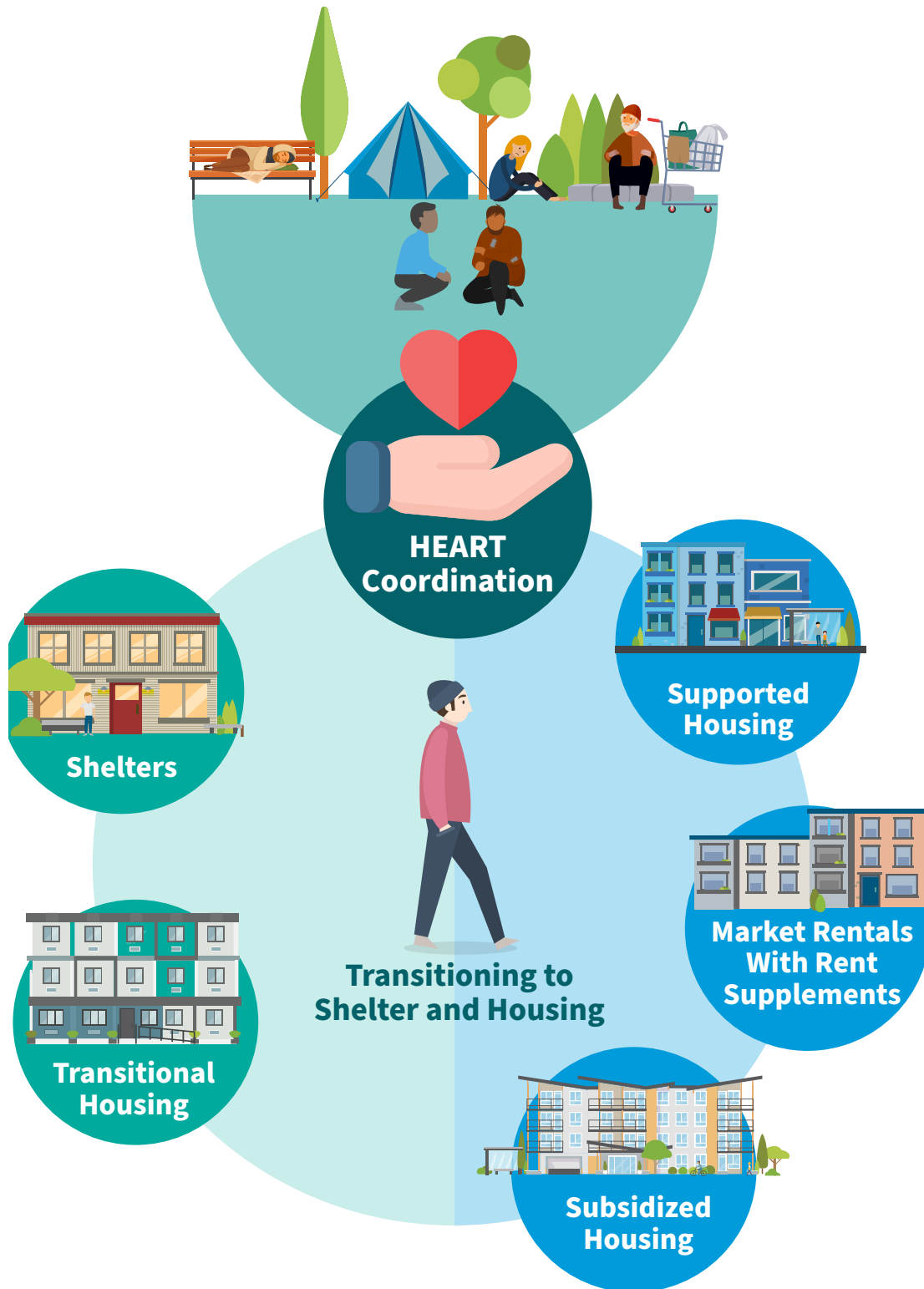


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Responding to Homelessness

Shelter as a Gateway to Housing



What is HEART & HEARTH?

Homelessness and Encampment Action Response



HEART& HEARTH is a key initiative of the Province’s plan to break the cycle of homelessness.

- Provincial funding program announced in 2023 to address homelessness and encampments in BC.
- Part of Belonging in BC, the Province’s plan to prevent and reduce homelessness.
- Supports the rapid creation of shelters and temporary supportive housing in priority communities across BC.
- Homeless Encampment Action Response Teams (HEART) bring together local and provincial outreach teams to better support people sheltering outside and in encampments to stay safe and healthy and more quickly transition indoors.
- Temporary Housing or Shelter (HEARTH) projects provide critical safe, indoor spaces to support outreach and encampment resolution, as the Province continues to build more permanent supportive and affordable homes.



Taking Action

Delivering housing and shelter options.



Resolving and Preventing

Providing sites for new temporary or permanent assets.



Creating Opportunities

Aligning with other housing and shelter investments.

142 Tranquille Road



Project Timeline

June 2024

- BC Housing announced working with City of Kamloops on bringing HEART & HEARTH programs to the community. Approximately 100 spaces.

We Are Here

November 2024

- Temporary Use Permit (TUP) application submitted to Council. TUP currently proposed for 3 years.

Late November 2024

- Council votes on TUP on November 26.
- Pending TUP approval, site preparation begins.

Late December 2024

- Currently expect shelter to open.

TUP requires renewal in 3 years however shelter funding and the site lease end earlier.

*timeline is subject to change.

About the Shelter

BC Housing selected ASK Wellness Society through a fair and open process to operate the shelter and provide services to guests.

Supports and services include:



Up to 44 beds



Access to cultural programming



3 staff onsite, 24/7



Onsite outreach support services



3 meals per day



Goal planning and life skills training



Washroom and shower facilities



Referrals to support groups



Storage for personal belongings



Access to medical services through ASK Wellness Society's Mobile Health Clinic

These supports and services are for registered shelter guests only. There will be **no drop-in services** at this site.

Shelter guests would be adults (19+) who are currently experiencing or at risk of homelessness including:

All genders

Seniors

People with disabilities

Why build it on the North Shore?

It's important for shelter and housing to be close to the services people need.

Integration and belonging with the community is also essential for people who are working towards a healthy, stable life.



About ASK Wellness Society

ASK Wellness Society is a local charitable non-profit organization with a long history of delivering effective outreach, housing, health, and employment services in the region.

Originally founded in 1992 as the AIDS Society of Kamloops, the Society was formed to promote health and wellness and to provide education to strengthen the Kamloops community.

The Society has been part of the **North Shore community** for **over 20 years**, offering services along the continuum of **Streets to Homes to Health to Employment.**

Services are currently provided to **over 3,000 people** per year in the cities of Kamloops, Merritt, and Penticton.

This includes those who live within the Society's almost **750 units** of housing, **462** of them in Kamloops.

In 2023, the Street Outreach program provided **307 referrals** for shelter and housing services for people facing homelessness.

The recently enhanced three-phase recovery and vocational program in Kamloops has seen a **44%** graduation rate for phase 1, **54%** graduation rate for phase 2, and **69%** graduation rate for phase 3.



Community Safety

Safety is a priority for guests, staff and surrounding residents and businesses.

On-site safety measures:



24/7 staffing



Design features, such as lighting, security cameras and perimeter fencing with controlled access



Collaboration of operator and community partnerships to ensure accountability and responsiveness



Who To Call | When To Call info sheet with direct contact information will be provided to neighbours



Regular maintenance of the property by staff



Community Interface Management

Safety is a priority for guests, staff, and surrounding residents and businesses.

Community safety measures:



ASK Wellness Society neighbourhood liaison



Community Service Officer outreach teams



24/7 Community Service Officer patrols



Direct contact information shared with neighbours



Good neighbour expectations with shelter guests



RCMP coordination



Kamloops Access Hub Leadership Group



The Kamloops Access Hub Leadership Group is a local community initiative that was created in 2023 to advocate for and support an expanded model of shelter services for people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

The group includes representation from:

City of Kamloops

Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc

Business improvement associations

BC Housing

Shelter and social housing operators

Interior Health

The group's initial focus has been to identify and establish a site on the North Shore, an area within the city's core that currently lacks year-round shelter services.

The group is also working to identify and support the development of longer-term sites in other areas of the community to meet the needs of people who are unhoused throughout the city.

To learn more about the Access Hub vision, collective partnership, and available services and supports for people who are unhoused, visit Kamloops.ca/Housing.



10 Key Principles

The Kamloops Access Hub Leadership Group is aware of community concerns and is committed to supporting the key principles outlined by the North Shore Business Improvement Association for social service facilities for people who are unhoused.

Below is a summary of what these principles are and how each will be addressed at this location.

- 1. The site is a 24/7 facility.**
The shelter will be fully staffed 24/7 and shelter guests will have 24/7 access to the facility.
- 2. The site is a contained site.**
The location will be fully fenced and monitored by security cameras. The location will provide a place for people to store their belongings. There will be an outdoor amenity space set near the back of the property where meals can be provided.
- 3. The site must be a supervised use site.**
The shelter operates with a harm reduction and recovery focus, meaning people who use substances will be accepted into the facility and will be provided with safer practice options. The promotion of recovery will be embedded in the operating model.
- 4. Housing placement supports.**
Internal housing outreach staff will work with shelter guests and other partner agencies as part of our Coordinated Access system to identify and support the transition to more permanent housing options as those resources are available.
- 5. Wellness and mental health supports.**
Health support services will be accessible to guests. The operator has an existing relationship and works in partnership with community mental health and substance use teams. The ASK Wellness Mobile Health Clinic powered by TELUS Health will be on site weekly to provide health services to shelter guests.
- 6. Site maintenance is constant.**
The operator is committed to ensuring the site is clean and will minimize negative impacts such as clutter and litter.
- 7. Staffing or security onsite 24/7.**
Fencing and security cameras will be installed, staff will be onsite 24/7, and the operator will work to build collaborative relationships with neighbours.
- 8. Community interface management is entrenched.**
The operator will establish community outreach teams dedicated to support integration into the community. The operator works in partnership with Community Services officers. Together, they provide outreach staff to support vulnerable clients and improve community safety.
- 9. Reputable operators required.**
ASK Wellness Society is a local charitable non-profit organization with a long history of delivering effective outreach, housing, health, and employment services in Kamloops and throughout the Interior region.
- 10. Placement off commercial corridors.**
The building location is set back from the Tranquille corridor and will be fully fenced along the street frontage.



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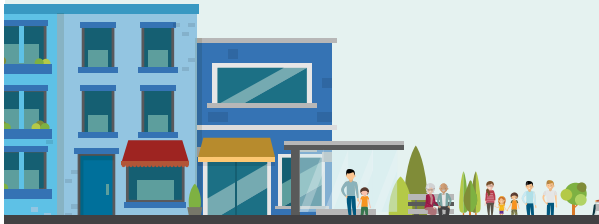
You can contact BC Housing for questions and feedback about this project and information on housing initiatives across the Province.

Let's Talk Housing BC Web Page:

letstalkhousingbc.ca/kamloops-142-tranquille-road

Email:

communityrelations@bchousing.org



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Talk page:



Wellness Society



Connect with ASK Wellness Society for questions about the Pathways Centre operations and for more information about ASK Wellness Society in the community.

Web:

askwellness.ca

Email:

info@askwellness.ca

Scan the QR code to
view ASK Wellness
Society's web page:



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City of Kamloops Housing & Homelessness

The City of Kamloops has a vision for our community where housing is available and affordable to all residents.

Web: [Kamloops.ca/Housing](https://kamloops.ca/Housing)

Community Services (Bylaws)

Kamloops' Community Services Division supports public safety and community harmony, and our bylaws provide the tools to do this and help shape how our community lives.

Web: [Kamloops.ca/CommunityServices](https://kamloops.ca/CommunityServices)

Phone: 250-828-3409

Email: communityservices@kamloops.ca

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