

Neighbourhood Update

January 20, 2025

321, 327 Fortune Drive and 285 Leigh Road, Kamloops

Dear Neighbour,

We are writing to share an update about the property that BC Housing is planning to purchase at **321 and 327 Fortune Drive and 285 Leigh Road in Kamloops**. In August 2024, we announced that BC Housing plans to create 54 homes with support services at this site. These new homes are an important part of our continued effort to address and prevent homelessness in the community.

This project will require rezoning. The site purchase is dependent on this rezoning. If approved, we would work with a planning and design team and share a project timeline when it is available. We would continue to follow the City's permitting processes throughout this project.

You can find more details about this project by visiting letstalkhousingbc.ca/kamloops-fortune-dr-leigh-rd.

Information sessions

We are pleased to invite area neighbours to join us at in-person information sessions to learn more about the proposed housing project, meet project partners and ask questions.

Date: Monday, January 27, 2025

Available session times:

- 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Salon A at Holiday Inn & Suites, 675 Tranquille Road, Kamloops

Each session will have a **maximum of 15 participants** to ensure meaningful participation. Priority will be given to direct site neighbours followed by the wider community.

Please RSVP for a session by visiting kamloops-leigh-fortune.eventbrite.ca or by scanning the QR code below. **Registration is required to attend.**



What is supportive housing?

Supportive homes are deeply affordable studio apartments for people who need supports to maintain their housing. Residents are single adults (19+) of all genders, including seniors, people with disabilities or any others who need supports to maintain stable housing. Supportive housing typically includes services such as meals and referrals to health, community supports, and culturally informed services.

BC Housing offers supportive homes to people through a community-based assessment process that matches people's needs with the supports available. All residents sign housing related agreements and pay rent.

If rezoning is approved, BC Housing will proceed with our procurement process to select an experienced non-profit operator to manage the housing and provide services to residents. They would provide 24/7 staffing and keep the property well-maintained. The operator would also work to build good relationships with the community. When the building opens, we would share direct contact information with neighbours and address any concerns quickly and collaboratively.

Questions?

A caring community can contribute greatly to the success of residents. We commit to keeping lines of communication open throughout this project.

We look forward to meeting you at our upcoming information sessions. You can also continue emailing communityrelations@bchousing.org at any time with questions.

Kind regards,

BC Housing