

Temporary Housing Development

1453 McGill Road, Kamloops

September 29, 2025

Dear Neighbour,

We are writing to share that BC Housing, in partnership with Canadian Mental Health Association Kamloops (CMHA Kamloops) and with the support of the City of Kamloops, will build 55 units of temporary housing with supports at 1453 McGill Road in Kamloops.

This project is funded through the Province's Homeless Encampment Action Response Teams (HEART) and Homeless Encampment Action Response Temporary Housing (HEARTH) program. It is a major part of our effort to address the urgent need to provide more safe and accessible housing options in Kamloops as we continue to build more permanent homes in the community.

The City of Kamloops is supporting this project by providing the land.

We will be hosting a Community Open House on Monday, October 6, 2025, details are included below.

For ongoing project updates, visit letstalkhousingbc.ca/kamloops-mcgill-road.

About the temporary housing

This site will include 55 units of modular housing. There will be with indoor and outdoor gathering spaces as well as shared kitchen, dining, shower, washroom and laundry facilities.

Construction is expected to begin in late 2025, with the housing anticipated to open in 2026. We will continue to share updates about this project with neighbours as they are available.

Community Open House

We are inviting neighbours and other interested community members to join us at a Community Open House to learn more about this project.

- **Date:** Monday, October 6, 2025
- **Time:** 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- **Venue:** Ramada by Wyndham Kamloops, 555 W Columbia Street
- **Register:** kamloops-mcgill-open-house.eventbrite.ca. Registration is not required but preferred for planning purposes.
- **Format:** Drop in any time between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm at this open house-style event. View the latest project information on poster boards, meet project representatives and ask questions one-to-one. *Please note: this event will not include a formal presentation or public Q&A period.*

Operator and services

BC Housing has selected CMHA Kamloops through a fair and open process to manage the temporary homes and provide services to residents. These include:

- 24/7 onsite staff

- Daily meals
- Life and employment skills training
- Connection and referral to community services and support groups
- Overdose prevention and harm reduction services
- Connection to culturally appropriate services
- Connection to health resources

These services will be available to the temporary housing residents only. There will be no walk-in services at this site.

Housing in Kamloops

Our goal continues to be safe, affordable and permanent housing in Kamloops. While this one effort alone is not enough to address the complex problems of homelessness and affordability, it is an important and meaningful step that will help many people on their housing journey. BC Housing is developing more permanent housing in Kamloops including seniors' homes, affordable and non-market rental homes and women's transitional homes.

Questions?

A caring community can contribute greatly to the success and well-being of temporary housing residents. BC Housing, the City of Kamloops and CMHA Kamloops will keep lines of communication open and address any questions or concerns quickly and collaboratively.

For questions about the programming and operations at this temporary housing site, please email CMHA Kamloops at **community.engagement@cmhakamloops.ca**.

For questions about the project development or temporary housing in BC, please email BC Housing at **communityrelations@bchousing.org**.

Sincerely,

BC Housing
CMHA Kamloops

Frequently Asked Questions

Temporary Housing with Supports - 1453 McGill Road, Kamloops

What is the purpose of temporary housing with supports?

- Temporary housing provides a step between a shelter and a permanent home. Staff offer supports and services that help residents work towards housing stability and individual wellness goals.

How does a person access temporary housing?

- BC Housing and CMHA Kamloops will assess potential residents and offer the temporary housing to people based on their individual needs and supports available. This process helps ensure residents are set up for success and more likely to remain housed.
- Temporary housing residents must be willing to engage in case planning and work towards long-term housing and wellness goals.
- All temporary housing residents sign housing related agreements and pay rent.

Will there be common spaces for residents on site?

- The housing will offer shared dining spaces and indoor gathering spaces. There will also be outdoor gathering spaces within the fully fenced site.

How will pedestrians and vehicles access the housing site?

- Pedestrians and vehicles will access the site from McGill Road. There will be a controlled access gate that is monitored 24/7. There will be parking available onsite.

Will residents be allowed to use substances onsite?

- We will not deny this housing to people who may use substances. If a resident chooses to use substances onsite, CMHA Kamloops would engage residents with compassion and follow a harm-reduction approach.
- Housing is crucial in a person's health journey. After a person can access a warm bed, washrooms and meals, they are in a much better position to improve their well-being, including accessing health care and substance use treatments.
- Staff will also be also trained to connect residents to mental health and addiction supports as appropriate based on a person's health and wellness goals.
- It is also important to note that not all residents use substances, and this would not be a substance-use recovery facility.

What if neighbours have questions or concerns once the housing opens?

- BC Housing and CMHA Kamloops are committed to working with neighbours to ensure a smooth

integration into the neighbourhood.

- We will share direct contact information for the housing with neighbours when it opens. Housing staff would be on site 24/7 to support residents and provide a point of contact for neighbours. Staff commit to working with residents and the surrounding community on an ongoing basis to address any safety concerns quickly and collaboratively.
- BC Housing and CHMA Kamloops will also work closely with partners who are best positioned to address safety issues beyond our housing sites. These include the City's Protective Services team, law enforcement or other emergency services.