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1453 McGill Road, Kamloops



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- The Province's HEART & HEARTH Program
- Development Details & Operations

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Housing and Homelessness in Kamloops

The City of Kamloops has a vision for our community where housing is available and affordable to all residents. KAMPLAN, the City's Official Community Plan, identifies five specific goals related to housing:

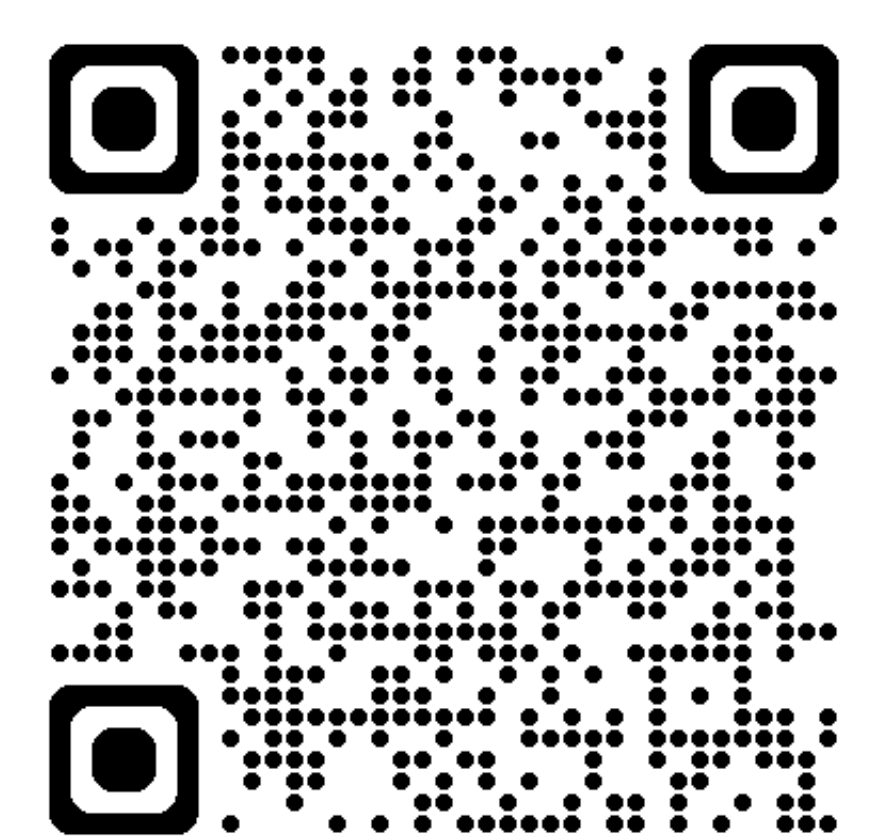
Housing Affordability: ensure there is an adequate supply of housing to meet population growth and improve affordability across the housing continuum.

Housing Diversity: increase the diversity of housing types to create inclusive and complete neighbourhoods.

Housing for Priority Populations: provide a range of housing options for persons with disabilities, seniors, low-income individuals and families, and those who require ongoing supports.

Rental Housing: Support the development and retention of rental housing to meet the needs of Kamloops residents.

Housing in Proximity to Alternative Transportation Modes: Encourage the development in housing in close proximity to transportation infrastructure.



Scan the QR code to view the City's housing page.

Kamloops' Point-in-Time Count

2024 Key Highlights

There is an urgent need for housing in Kamloops throughout the community.

The Point-in-Time Count is an estimate of the minimum number of people experiencing homelessness in a 24-hour period. It is important to recognize that this is an undercount and the actual number is likely higher.

313

People experienced homelessness in Kamloops on October 17 and 18, 2024.

+229%

Increase in people experiencing homelessness over the past 10 years.

80%

Said the most common barrier to housing was rent being too high.

SINCE 2021 THERE HAS BEEN A

+26%

INCREASE IN SENIOR'S HOMELESSNESS

YOUTH

45%

of respondents were in their youth (under 24 years of age) the first time they experienced homelessness

37%

of respondents were in foster care or a youth group home

THOSE WHO IDENTIFIED AS FEMALE INCREASED FROM

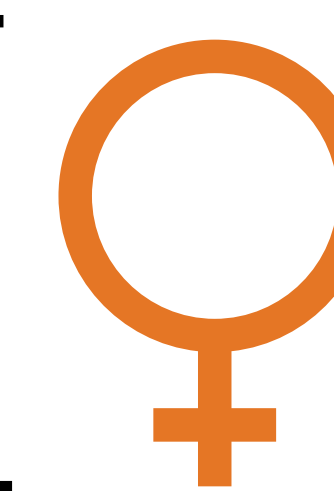
22%₍₃₀₎
IN 2021

TO

31%₍₇₂₎
IN 2024

THIS EQUATES TO A **+41%**

INCREASE IN FEMALE HOMELESSNESS SINCE 2021



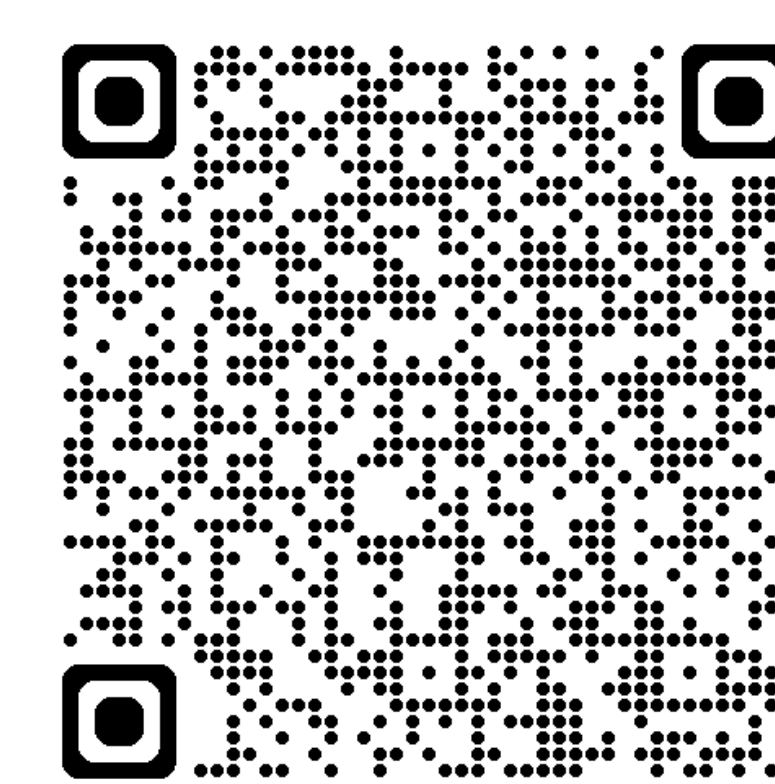
55%

of respondents identified as Indigenous.



Homelessness disproportionately impacts Indigenous Peoples across Canada³

This is a direct result of colonization and government strategies to eradicate Indigenous Peoples and their cultures³



Scan the QR code to view the 2024 Point-in-Time Count full report.



Housing Continuum

This continuum represents the range of projects that BC Housing develops.

These projects provide British Columbians with access to safe, quality, accessible, and affordable housing options.

BC Housing is developing more permanent housing in Kamloops including:

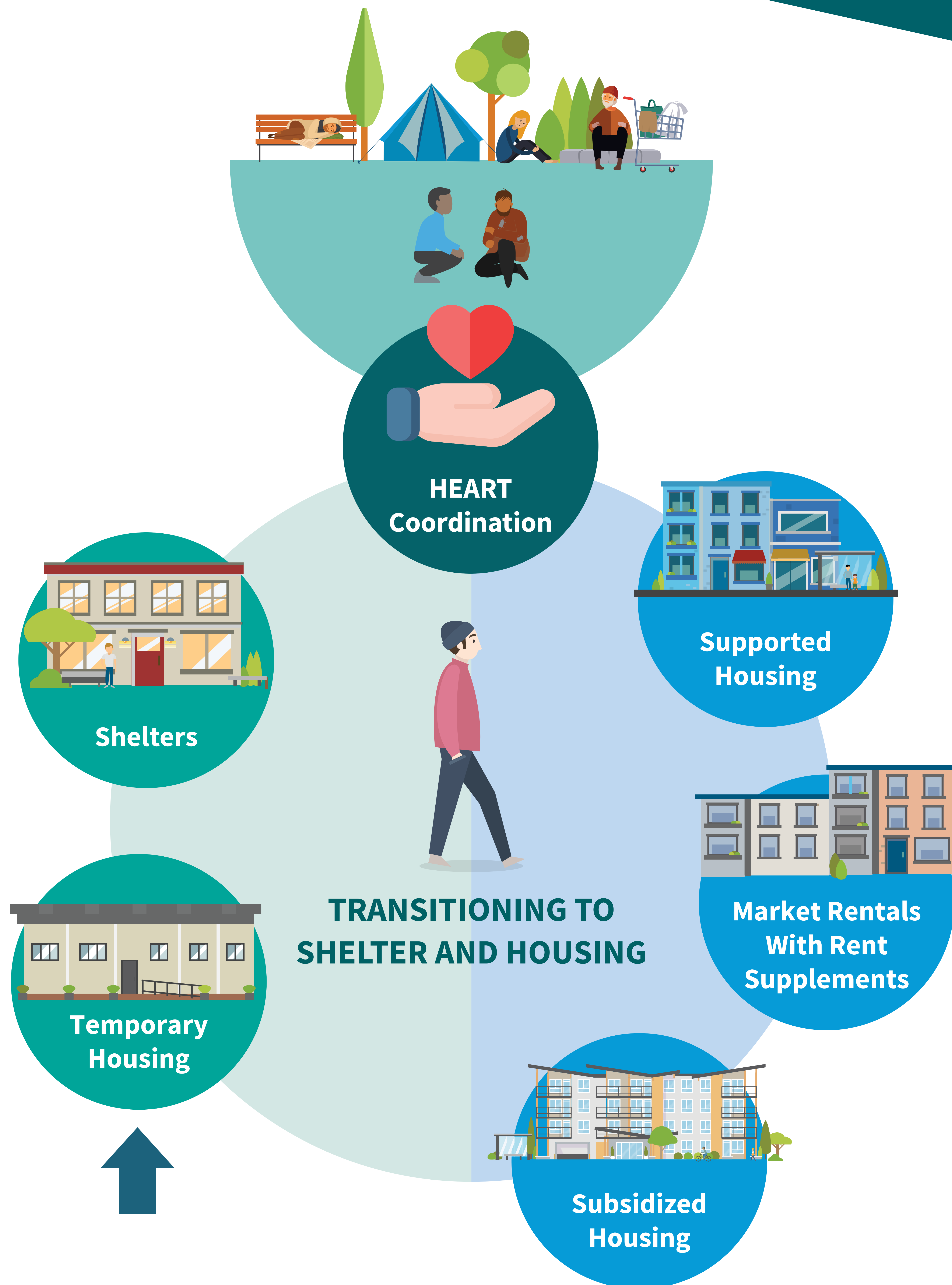
- 340 seniors' homes
- Non-market rental homes
- 280+ affordable homes
- Women's transitional homes



This continuum does not represent a linear journey. Safe, quality housing looks different for every person and depends on their individual needs and goals.

Responding to Homelessness

HEART & HEARTH: Gateway to Housing



What is HEART & HEARTH?

Homeless and Encampment Action Response

Kamloops has been identified as a priority for the Province to respond to encampments and homelessness.

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.
- Homeless Encampment Action Response Temporary Housing (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

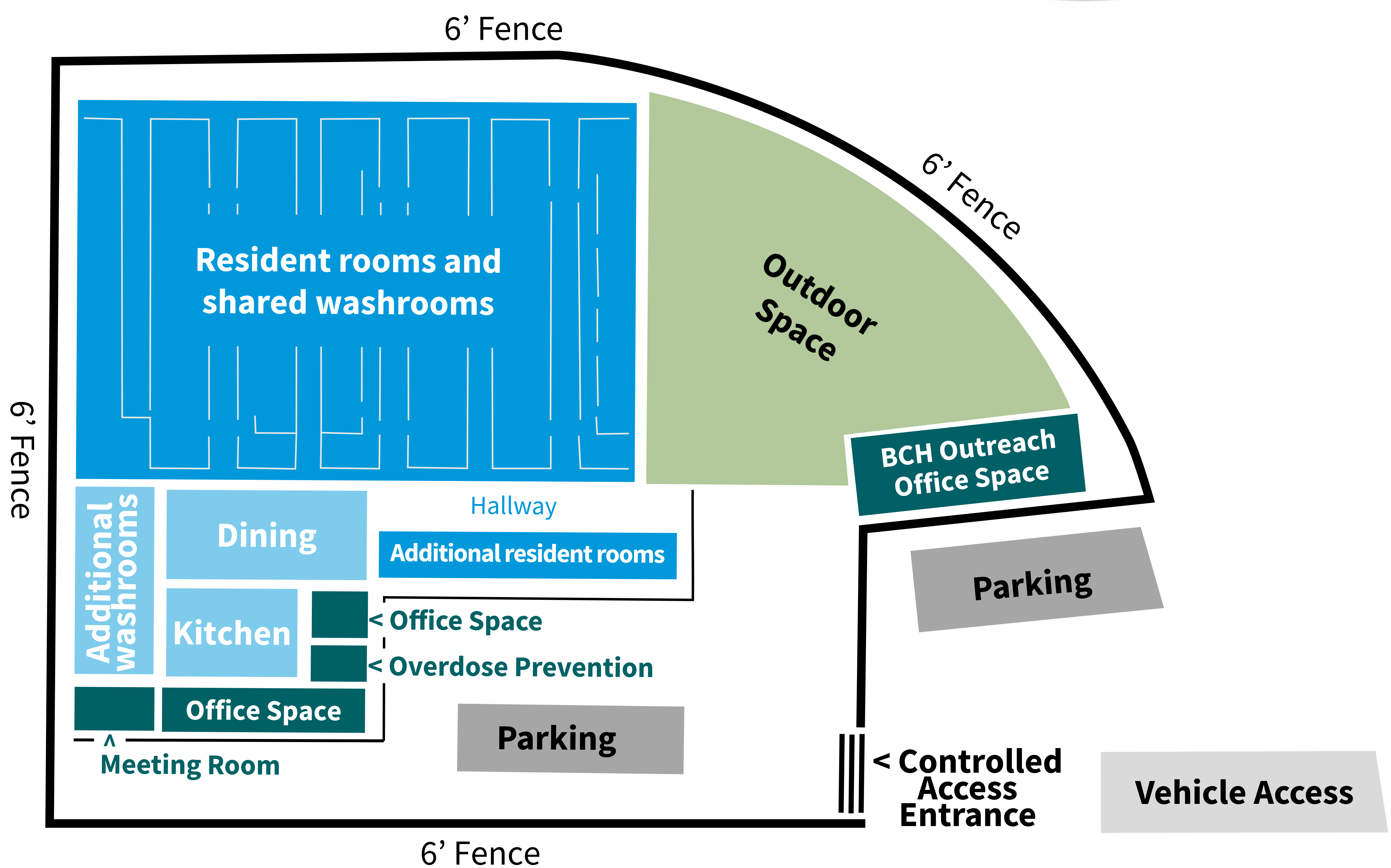
Aligning with other housing and shelter investments.



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Site Layout

1453 McGill Road



*Please note: layout is subject to change

Project Timeline



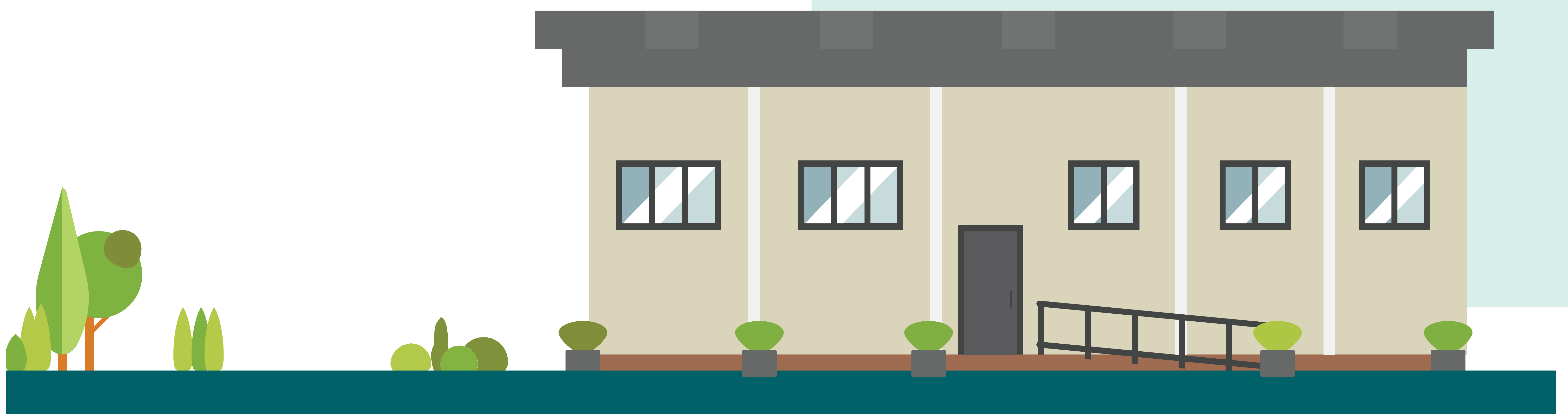
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About Temporary Housing

Temporary housing offers targeted supports that help people prepare for and find a more permanent home

- ✓ Serves as a step between a shelter and a permanent home
- ✓ Provides urgently needed housing for people experiencing homelessness
- ✓ Can be built and occupied quickly
- ✓ Is a key piece of a broader plan to reduce homelessness in Kamloops
- ✓ Funded by the Province's HEART & HEARTH program
- ✓ To be eligible, clients must be willing to engage in case planning and work towards long-term housing & health goals
- ✓ All residents sign housing related agreements and pay rent

We will assess potential residents through a community-based process and offer temporary housing to people based on their individual needs and supports available. This process will help ensure residents are set up for success and more likely to remain housed.



About CMHA Kamloops

BC Housing selected CMHA Kamloops through a fair and open process to operate the temporary homes and provide services to residents.

Canadian Mental Health Association Kamloops (CMHA Kamloops) branch has been serving Kamloops for over 39 years, providing mental health, housing and outreach supports across the community.

Our approach: Housing First, harm reduction, trauma-informed, and culturally safe care.



In 2024, over 22,000+ meals per month were prepared through our Nutrition and Food Services programs.



Moir House: Supported 91 individuals, with 33 successfully moving into sustainable housing.



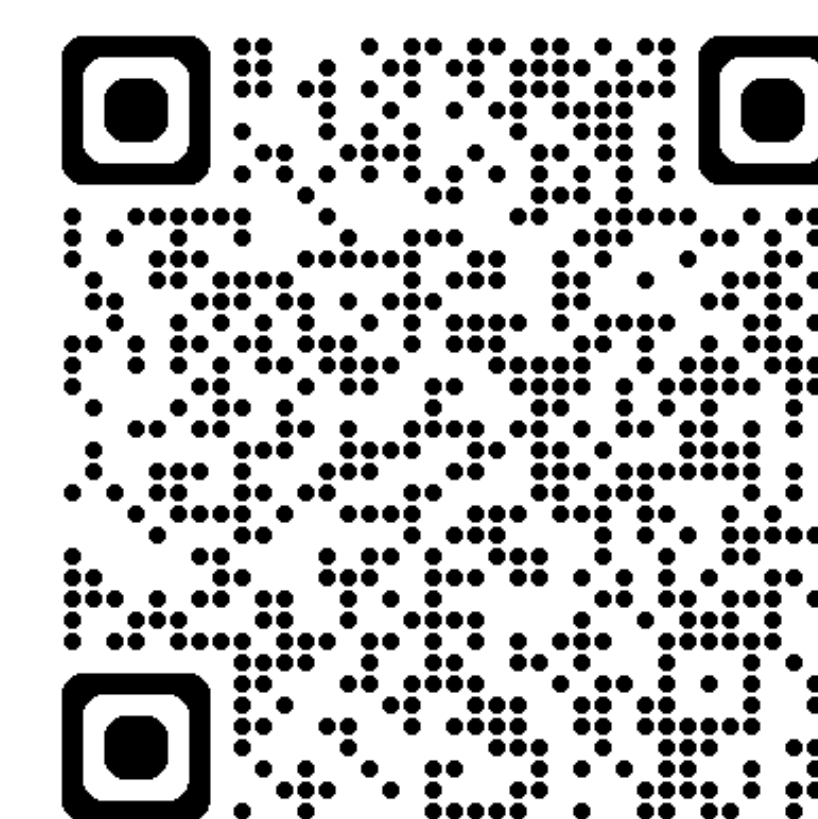
Our Envision Outreach program connected with 1,039 individuals in 2024, providing food, supplies, and connections to shelter and services.



Our counseling program supported 100+ clients in 1,400+ sessions, with a 96% return rate, a testament to trust and impact.



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view CMHA Kamloops
website

Please reach out to CMHA Kamloops anytime at **community.engagement@cmhakamloops.ca** with any questions you may have about programming and operations.

Resident Supports and Services

Resident supports and services include:



55 units



Connection and referral to community services and support groups



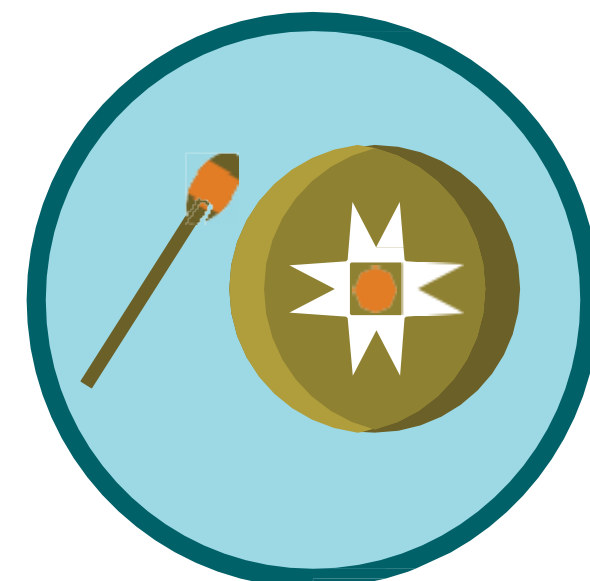
Staff onsite 24/7



Life and employment skills training



Daily meals



Connection to culturally appropriate services



Access to shared dining and gathering spaces



Transportation support to access offsite services



Onsite kitchen, showers, washrooms, laundry and storage



Connection to health resources

*There will be **no drop-in services** at this site.*

Community Safety

Safety is always a priority for our BC Housing projects.

The following measures promote safety for residents, staff and the surrounding community:



24/7 staffing



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



Collaboration of operator and community partners to ensure accountability and responsiveness



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



Regular maintenance of the property



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Thank you for joining us. Stay in touch.

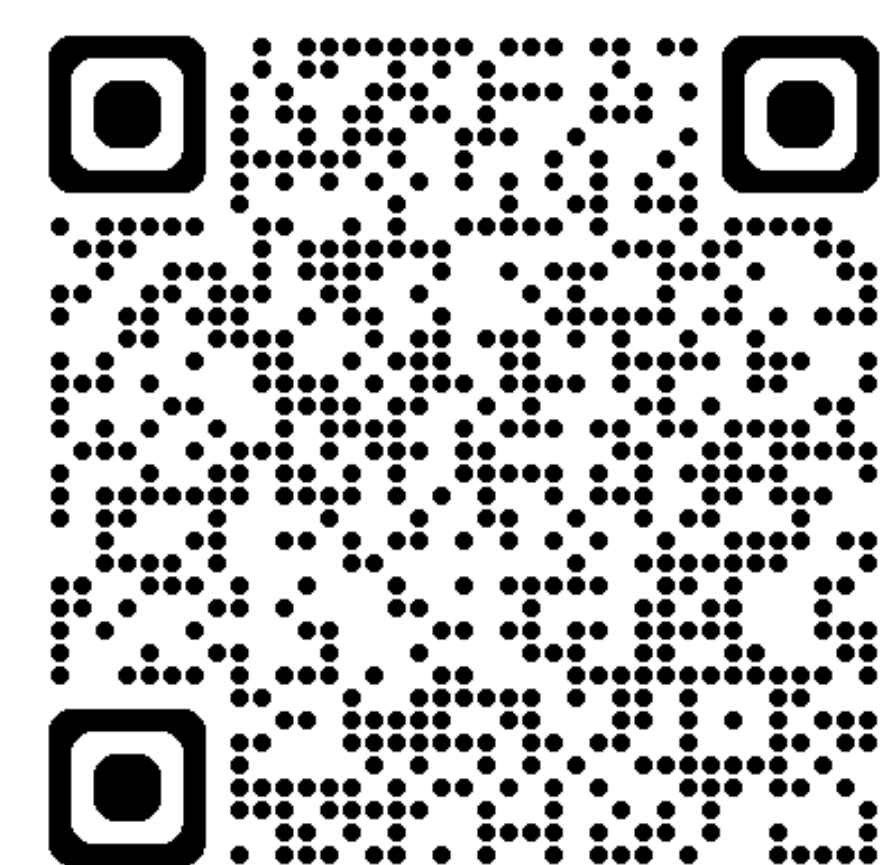


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You can contact BC Housing for questions and feedback about this project and information on housing initiatives across the Province.

Web: letstalkhousingbc.ca/kamloops-mcgill-road

Email: communityrelations@bchousing.org



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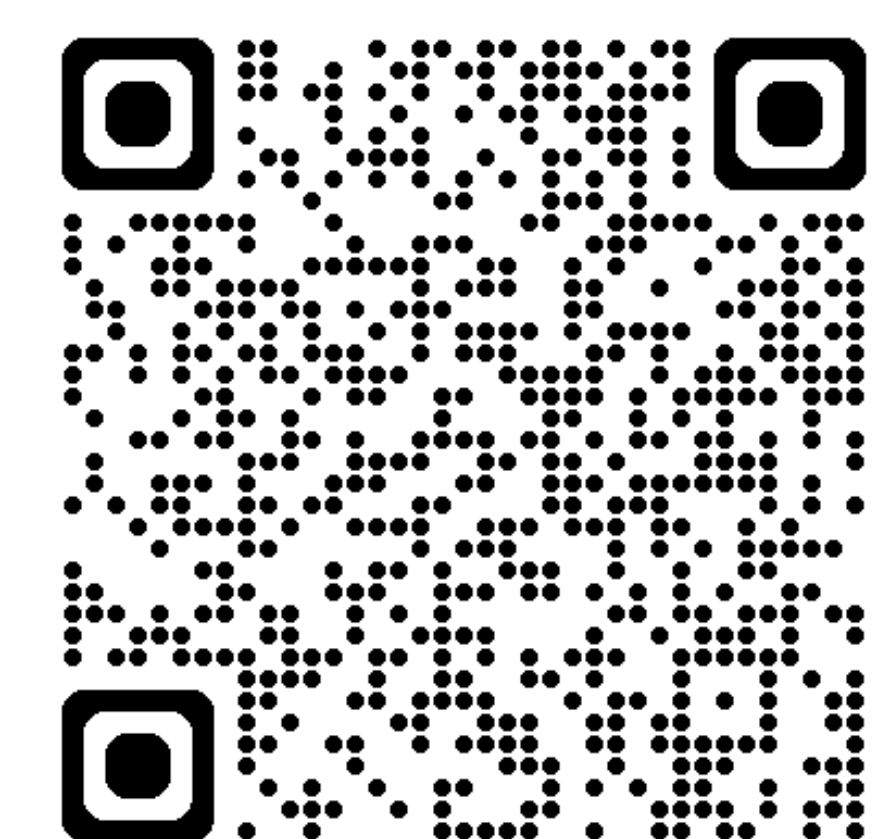


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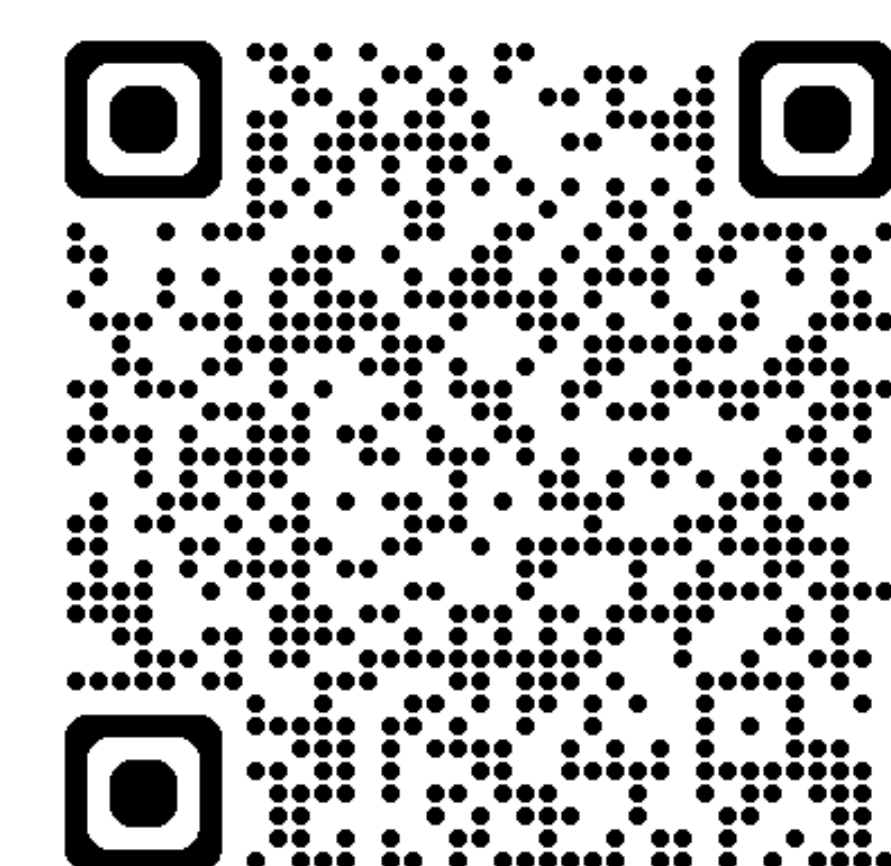
Community Services (Bylaw)

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

Web: Kamloops.ca/CommunityServices

Phone: 250-828-3409

Email: communityservices@kamloops.ca



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