

April 25, 2025

Neighbourhood Dialogue & Opening Tour

1030 Old Victoria Road, Nanaimo

Hello Neighbour,

We are pleased to share that we plan to open the new temporary homes at 1030 Old Victoria Road in early June 2025.

We also want to thank the community for keeping in touch with us throughout the development process and sharing your questions and concerns. We commit to maintaining open lines of communication as staff and residents settle in over the coming weeks and beyond.

Neighbourhood Integration Plan

BC Housing, Vancouver Island Mental Health Society (VIMHS), the City of Nanaimo, South End Community Association and the Chase River Community Association, have worked together to develop a Neighbourhood Integration Plan to foster community inclusion around the temporary housing at 1030 Old Victoria Road. This pilot project includes four neighbourhood engagement activities designed to build positive relationships among residents, staff and the community.

These activities will include:

- A Neighbour Dialogue Session in mid-May 2025 prior to opening (invitation and details below)
- An opening celebration and neighbourhood tours of the site in late May 2025 (invitation and details below)
- An opportunity for the community to help beautify the temporary housing site in summer 2025
- A follow-up Neighbour Dialogue Session in summer 2025

Neighbour Dialogue Session

We are inviting all area neighbours to learn more and ask questions about the temporary housing project and to meet the operator, VIMHS.

- **Date:** Wednesday, May 14, 2025
- **Time:** 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Clay Tree Society, 838 Old Victoria Road, Nanaimo
- **RSVP:** 1030-old-vic-rd-neighbour-dialogue.eventbrite.ca



Drop in any time between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. We will host several “information stations” where neighbours can sit with project representatives and discuss various topics.

Opening Celebration and Neighbourhood Tours

We are inviting all area neighbours to join us to celebrate the completion of the temporary housing before residents move in.

- **Date:** Thursday, May 29, 2025
- **Time:** 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- **Location:** 1030 Old Victoria Road, Nanaimo
- **RSVP:** 1030-old-vic-rd-opening.eventbrite.ca



Drop in any time between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. to participate in self-guided tours of the temporary housing. Project representatives and partners will be available to answer questions.

How to use the QR codes above:

1. Open Your Camera App: Use the camera app on your smartphone.
2. Scan the QR Code: Point your camera at the QR code and make sure it fits in the frame. Hold your phone steady until the code is recognized.
3. Follow the Prompt: When the QR code is recognized, a notification or link will appear. Tap on it to RSVP on Eventbrite.

Future Opportunities

We will reach out again in summer 2025 with updates about the neighbourhood beautification activity. If you are interested in sharing ideas or contributing to this initiative, please email info@vimhs.org.

Please visit our webpage at letstalkbchousing.ca/nanaimo-1030-old-victoria-road for the latest project information. You are also welcome to email communityrelations@bchousing.org at any time with questions.

Sincerely,

BC Housing
Vancouver Island Mental Health Society