

Neighbourhood Update

1030 Old Victoria Road, Nanaimo

Dear Neighbour,

We are writing to share that BC Housing and the City of Nanaimo are working together on a proposal for new temporary housing with 24/7 support services at 1030 Old Victoria Road. This building would be known as the Nanaimo Navigation Centre and offer approximately 60 sleeping units to provide urgently needed temporary spaces as we continue to explore new permanent housing options.

About the Navigation Centre

The modular building(s) would have approximately 60 sleeping units, each with a locking door, bed and place to store personal belongings. There would also be communal washrooms, a commercial kitchen, laundry/utility room, amenity room and office space.

Vancouver Island Mental Health Society (VIMHS) would operate the site. The Navigation Centre would be referral-only and provide enhanced services for people who are experiencing long-term homelessness and require a high level of supports such as:

- 24/7 on-site services
- Individualized attention
- Culturally appropriate services for Indigenous clients
- Integrated supports and case planning
- Health services, including connections to community-based mental health and substance use programs, in conjunction with health partners
- Services focused on stabilization and connections to housing
- Overdose prevention and response programs
- A daily meal program

Community Updates

A caring community can contribute greatly to the success of supportive housing residents. BC Housing and VIMHS are committed to being a good neighbour and keeping lines of communication open. We will share the latest updates online at: letstalkhousingbc.ca/nanaimo-1030-Old-Victoria-Road.

We also welcome questions and comments by email at any time to:
communityrelations@bchousing.org.

Sincerely,
BC Housing