

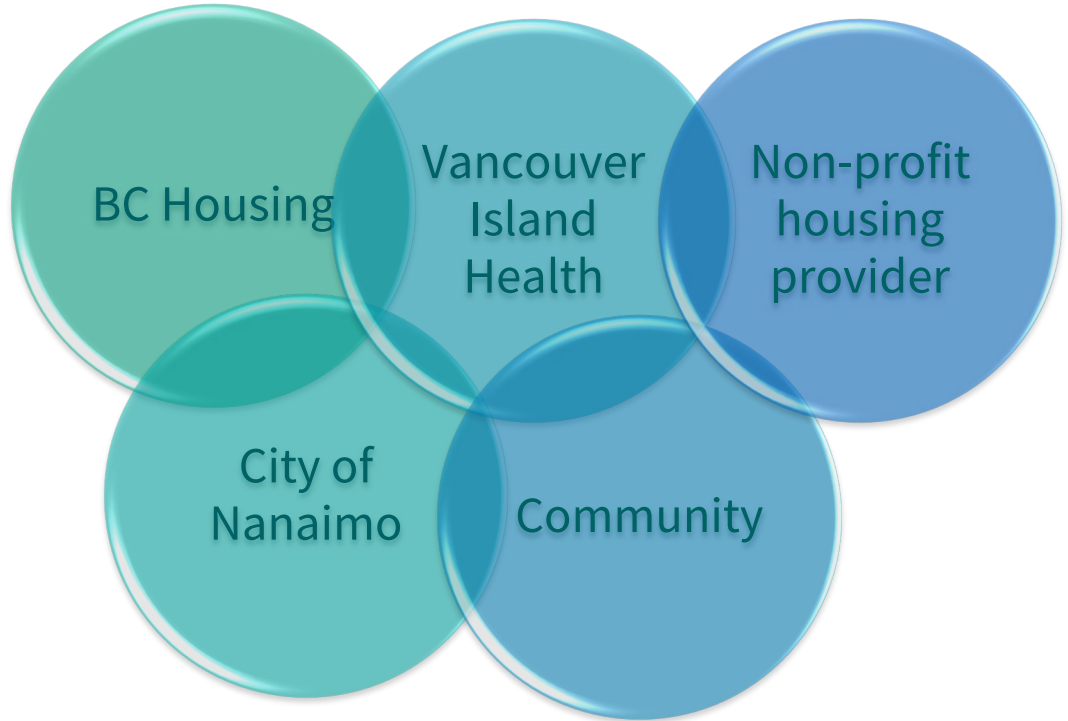
355 Nicol Street Neighbourhood Information Session

Nanaimo MOU
August 13, 2020

Today's Agenda

- Welcoming Remarks & Introductions
- Housekeeping
- Presentation
- Questions & Answers
- Next Steps

**It takes a
community to
address
homelessness**



The Plan

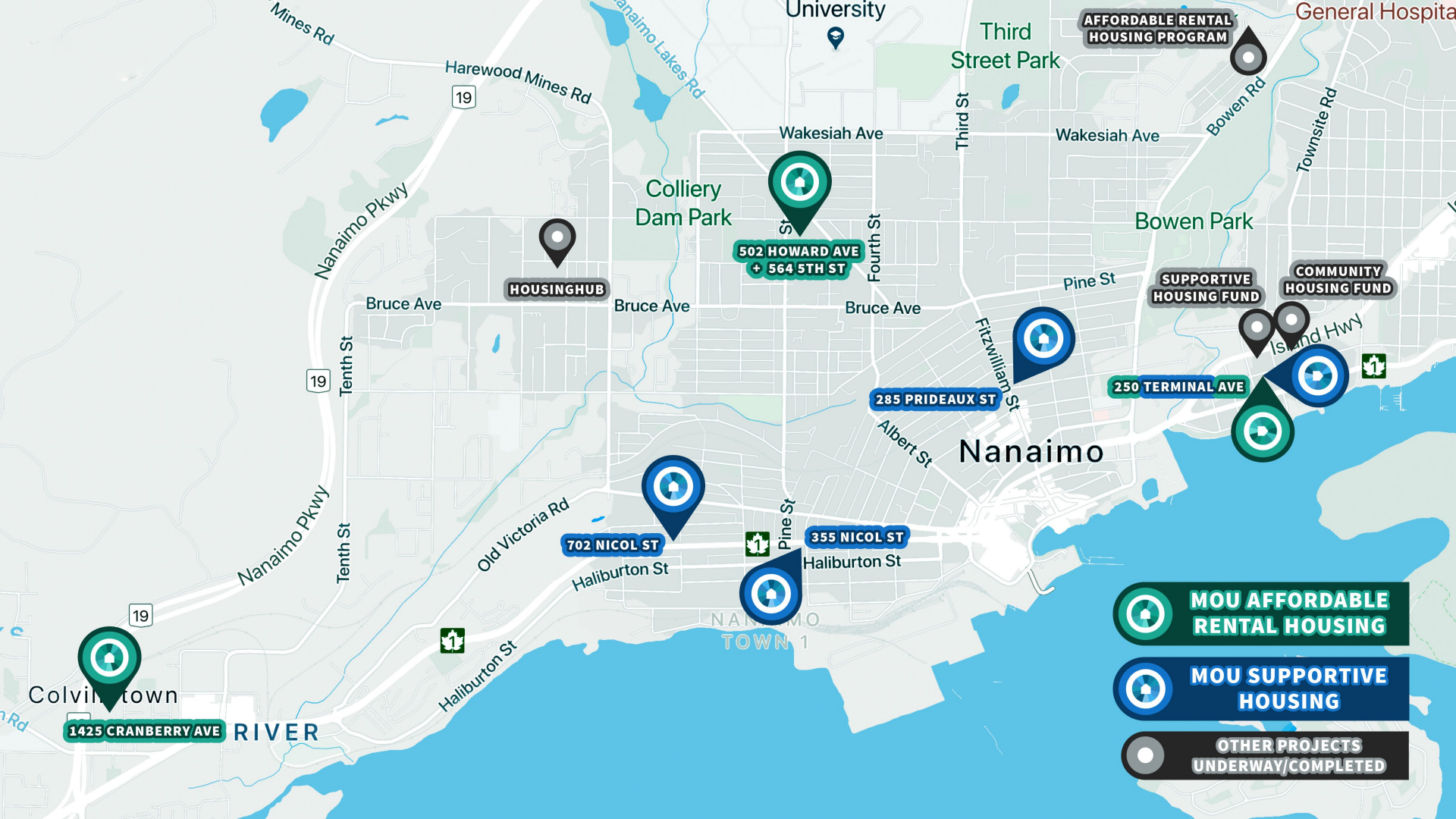
BC Housing and the City of Nanaimo have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** to build more than **300 new affordable homes** over the next few years. **Seven new buildings** on **six sites** providing affordable and supportive housing:



*Four permanent purpose-built
supportive buildings
(190 homes with support for
people experiencing homelessness)*




*Three affordable rental buildings
(125 homes for families and seniors)*



 **MOU AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING**

 **MOU SUPPORTIVE HOUSING**

 **OTHER PROJECTS UNDERWAY/COMPLETED**

1425 CRANBERRY AVE

**502 HOWARD AVE
+ 564 5TH ST**

702 NICOL ST

355 NICOL ST

285 PRIDEAUX ST

250 TERMINAL AVE

HOUSINGHUB

AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING PROGRAM

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FUND

COMMUNITY HOUSING FUND

Colville town

Nanaimo

NANAIMO TOWN 1

Why here?

BC Housing and the City of Nanaimo worked collaboratively to identify sites and considered a number of available sites all across the municipality.



The four supportive housing sites were the best options available with respect to:

- Availability to purchase at a reasonable price
- Proximity to community services (walking distance to commercial and recreational activities)
- Accessibility to transit
- Adequate lot size and shape
- Connections to utilities
- Compatible land use policies

Supportive Housing: 355 Nicol Street (Existing Samaritan House)

EXISTING USE:

Samaritan House (*Island Crisis Care Society transfer services into the new Emergency Response Centre at 285 Prideaux temporarily then long term transfer to 702 Nicol*)

FUTURE USE:

New permanent, purpose-built, apartment building with approx. **40 homes with onsite supports** for people experiencing homelessness (*Operator TBD*)



BCH-owned

Design & building permits

Supportive Housing: 702 Nicol Street (New Samaritan House)

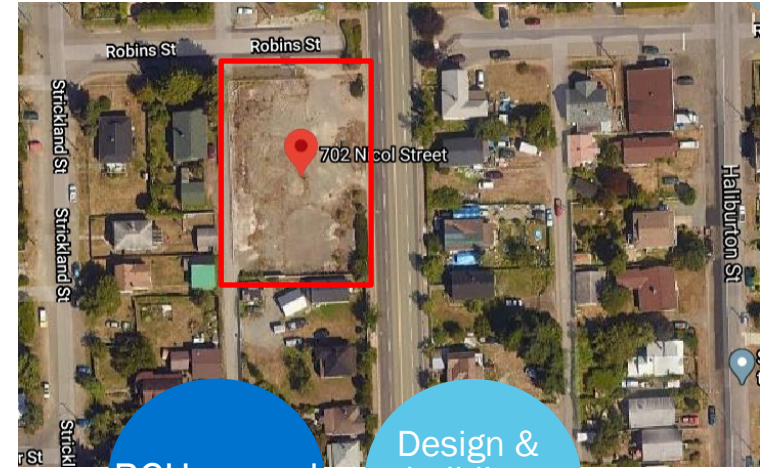
EXISTING USE:

Vacant property purchased by BC Housing

FUTURE USE:

New permanent, purpose-built apartment will be operated by Island Crisis Care Society providing:

- Approx. **50 homes with on-site** supports for men and women experiencing homelessness
- Proposed Bridge to Housing beds for women (*Operator: Island Crisis Care Society*)



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Nanaimo: 355 and 702 Nicol Sequencing



355 Nicol Street

(Once vacant, existing Samaritan House will be demolished to develop approximately 40 supportive housing units)

**Samaritan House
residents
temporarily
relocated**



**Temporary Emergency
Response Centre at
285 Prideaux**

Summer 2020

**Transition to
the new
spaces**



**New supportive
housing at 702 Nicol**

Spring 2021

Temporary Workforce Housing vs Purpose-Built Housing



Newcastle Place, 250 Terminal



New Orca Place in Parksville

How will this be different from 250 Terminal & 2020 Labieux?

Temporary Workforce

- Crisis response
- Workforce modular
- No single point of entry (more challenging to track guests)
- Lack of proper common amenity space (leads to more loitering outside)
- Lack of kitchens and many residents shared washrooms

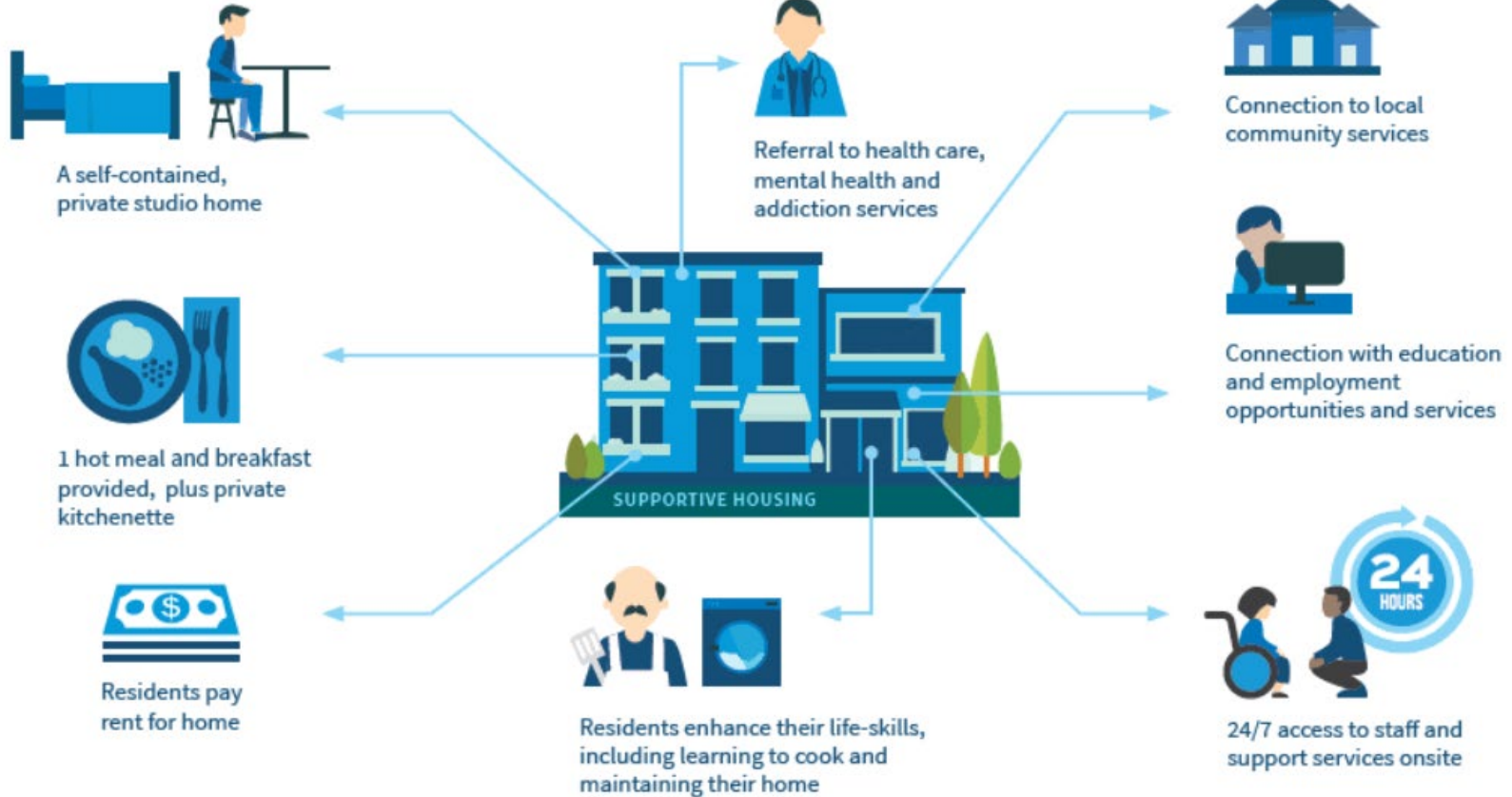
Purpose-Built Supportive Housing

- Time to ensure thoughtful assessment process for each individual
- Many Newcastle and Nikao residents have already been successfully housed
- Designed with the neighbourhood aesthetic in mind
- Incorporate supportive housing best practices (single point of entry, common amenity space, security features)
- Each resident has their own self-contained studio home (washroom and kitchen)

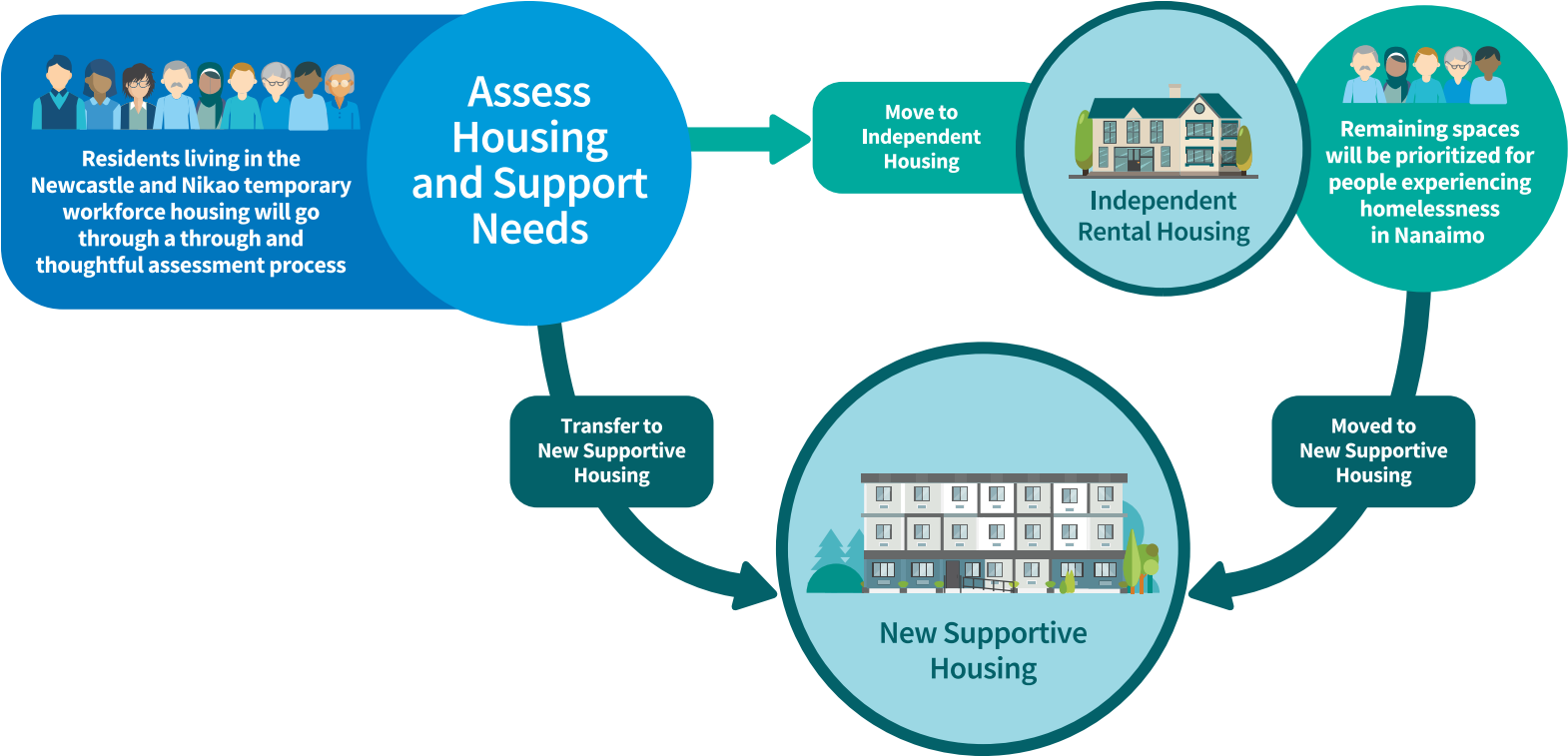
Supportive housing provides a studio home...



What supports are available?



How will residents be selected?



Questions & Answers

Next Steps

- A summary of questions and responses posted on **Let's Talk Housing BC** website: <https://letstalkhousingbc.ca/nanaimo>
- Submitting inquiries through communityrelations@bchousing.org

