

North Vancouver

Supportive Housing



The proposal

BC Housing is partnering with the District of North Vancouver and RainCity Housing on a proposal to develop approximately 60 new homes with support services in a five-storey building at the corner of Lloyd Avenue and West 16 Street in North Vancouver.

The new homes would offer safe and secure housing to single women and women-led families experiencing or at risk of homelessness.



Why does North Vancouver need this housing?

Poverty and homelessness are a real issue throughout the North Shore.

The number of people experiencing homelessness is rising and social service providers report more people at risk of homelessness and wait lists for social and non-market housing continue to grow.



PERSPECTIVE VIEW LOOKING SOUTHWEST

What is supportive housing?

Supportive housing is an opportunity for people to leave the streets, the shelter system and precarious housing situations for safe and stable housing.

A typical supportive housing unit is a self-contained studio home with various support services provided on-site, to ensure people can achieve and maintain housing stability – the studio units in this building will have that make up.

The family units will be two, three and four bedroom apartments. Supports may include on-site family support workers, life skills training, employment assistance, connection and referral to community services and support groups, depending on the unique needs of each resident.

Who would live here?

The single women and women-led families who apply to live here would need to meet eligibility requirements around income, homelessness and required supports and programming.

BC Housing and RainCity would work with local service providers to determine the criteria and to select residents, while recognizing that this housing will be specifically targeted to women and families. All new residents would pay rent and sign a program agreement and good neighbour agreement.

Community safety

We are committed to building a safe community both inside and outside the housing with:

Experience: BC Housing and RainCity have extensive experience providing services and housing to people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness across the region.

Staffing: RainCity staff would be on-site 24/7 to support residents, manage the building, and be available to respond directly to any related concerns that arise in a timely manner.

Resident Mix: Residents are selected through a thoughtful and thorough assessment process. Every resident is considered on an individual basis to ensure that the housing and services provided by the program match the supports they need.

Property Maintenance: Regular cleanups of property and immediate area would ensure cleanliness.

Design Features: Well-lit and fenced grounds, security cameras, controlled single point of entry, landscaping, parking, contained outdoor space for smoking and pet area.

Agreements: Residents would sign a program agreement and good neighbour agreement.

Community Advisory Committee: A Community Advisory Committee would be created to support the successful integration of the building into the community, with representation from BC Housing, the District of North Vancouver, RainCity, Vancouver Coastal Health, RCMP or community policing, and community members.

Next steps

BC Housing, the District of North Vancouver and RainCity will hold small group dialogues to share information, answer questions and gather feedback about the proposal. An engagement summary report will be provided to the District of North Vancouver as part of the rezoning process.

Sessions are scheduled on:

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 – 7:00 to 8:00pm

Thursday, February 18, 2021 – 7:00 to 8:00pm

Thursday, February 25, 2021 – 12:00 to 1:00pm

Please email communityrelations@bchousing.org to register and indicate which session you want to attend.

Partners

- BC Housing would fund the construction and provide operating budget for the housing.
- District of North Vancouver is leading the rezoning process.
- If approved, BC Housing and RainCity will engage with the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority to discuss support services that could potentially be provided at the site.
- RainCity would operate the housing and provide support services to residents.



RainCity Housing is an experienced non-profit charitable organization that provides housing and support in over 10 municipalities in the Lower Mainland and Sunshine Coast, and has been in operation since 1982.

Learn more about the organization at <http://www.raincityhousing.org/>.

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