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Neighbourhood Update

3027, 3037 2nd Avenue, Port Alberni

Hello Neighbour,

We are writing to announce that BC Housing is proposing to build 55-units of supportive housing at 3027 and 3037 2nd Avenue, in Port Alberni, with the support of the City of Port Alberni. This development is an important part of our continued effort to address the urgent need to offer safe, indoor housing to people experiencing homelessness in the community. The 2023 Point-in-Time (PiT) homeless count identified 163 people experiencing homelessness in Port Alberni.

About the Proposed Supportive Housing

Supportive housing is deeply affordable studio apartments. They are intended for people who need support to maintain their housing. Residents will pay shelter rates and sign a lease with an addendum that addresses expectations about appropriate and respectful behavior, especially as it relates to the health and safety of themselves and others. There will be a variety of health and safety services and supports onsite, including:

- Cultural 24/7 staffing and security
- Meal programs
- Life and employment skills training
- Health and wellness support

BC Housing will select a non-profit operator for this project through a fair and public process. They would be responsible for managing the building, the property, and providing support services to residents. The operator would also work to foster positive relationships and keep open communication with neighbours.

Community Engagement

Neighbours can watch out for engagement opportunities to be shared in the coming weeks. We encourage you to participate and share your thoughts and feedback as we continue to focus on delivering needed housing to people living in Port Alberni. The proposed development requires rezoning of the land that must be considered by City Council, and BC Housing will be submitting the rezoning application to the City on February 3, 2025.

More Information

To learn more, please visit our web page at: letstalkhousingbc.ca/port-alberni-second-avenue. You can also reach out at any time with questions or feedback by emailing communityrelations@bchousing.org.

Sincerely,
BC Housing