

Prince George Mixed-Use & Supportive Housing



The plan

BC Housing is collaborating with the City of Prince George and Northern Health on one of the most significant and innovative housing projects in Northern BC. Together, the partners are adding affordable housing integrated with healthcare services to serve the community's most vulnerable populations and improve the community, particularly the City's downtown area.

Located at 805/855 First Avenue, the site is currently being designed to accommodate 150 new housing units.

The first project will involve 50 urgently needed, purpose-built supportive homes for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. This supportive housing will include 24/7 support services such as meal programs, life and employment skills training, and health and wellness supports. Connective (previously John Howard Society Pacific) has been selected through a competitive public process to operate the new housing development, with residency expected in early Spring 2022.

The second project will consist of two buildings that will provide up to 100 affordable, energy-efficient homes with supports and services to help people recover and stay healthy. The concept includes ground-floor healthcare space in each building that would be accessible to both residents and the public. Northern Health, in partnership with other health service agencies, will be responsible for overseeing these spaces and providing primary care, harm reduction, and specialized mental health and substance-use services. This innovative project addresses recommendations in Northern Health's 2017 downtown health services plan.

Addressing an urgent need in Prince George

Like many other cities, Prince George is home to a significant number of people who are experiencing homelessness. The 2018 Homeless Count found 160 people experiencing homelessness. While 160 people were identified, it should be noted that there are also "hidden homeless" who are not included in this count – for example living in motels or other inadequate and unstable housing conditions.





What is Supportive Housing?



Timelines and next steps



Partners

The Province, through the Building BC: Supportive Housing Fund, will fund the capital and operating costs of the project. The exact amounts will be determined once the proposal has progressed through municipal approvals.

The City of Prince George has provided the land for project.



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