BC Housing in Quesnel

Wednesday, April 3, 2024
5:30 pm

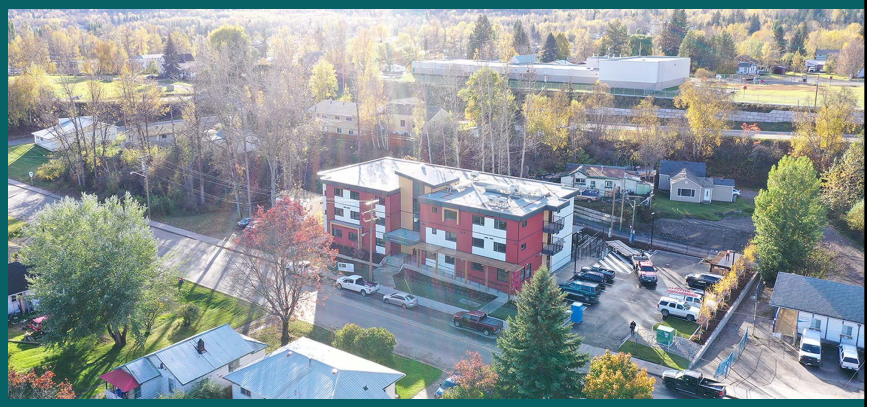


Photo: Station One Architects

BC HOUSING

We acknowledge, with gratitude, that the area we are discussing today is situated on the unceded traditional territory of the Lhtako Dene.

Housing Ecosystem

Recent Local Projects

Completed

190+ units over **7** projects

Elliott Street – 28 Units
Homelessness Action Response

McNaughton Ave 30 Units
Seniors Housing

Bowron Ave – 26 Units
Indigenous Housing

McLean Street – 38 Units
Affordable Housing

Lhtako Nation - 10 Units
Indigenous Housing

Proposal Stage

50+ units over **2** projects

including Indigenous Housing and housing for women and children fleeing violence

530 Carson Avenue – Project Overview

- BC Housing was leasing 20 units, the hotel was renting to 5 other couples. Currently there are 22 residents.
- BC Housing **purchased the property**; City Council **approved re-zoning** for Supportive Housing use.
- Effective April 1, residents have signed tenancy agreements and the site is operating as **Supportive Housing; 24/7 staffing and on-site supports**.

530 Carson Avenue – Next Steps

- BC Housing will work with the City and community to envision a **redevelopment plan** that:
  - Meets Quesnel's OCP and policy objectives
  - Provides a range of **affordable housing** options
  - Supports permanent purpose-built **supportive housing** units
- Hire a **development team**

530 Carson Avenue – Grace Inn

Homelessness in Quesnel

- A City of Quesnel report estimates the anticipated housing needs for people experiencing homelessness to total **840 spaces by 2028**.

  (Source: Quesnel Service and Housing Options Review for Vulnerable Populations, 2023)

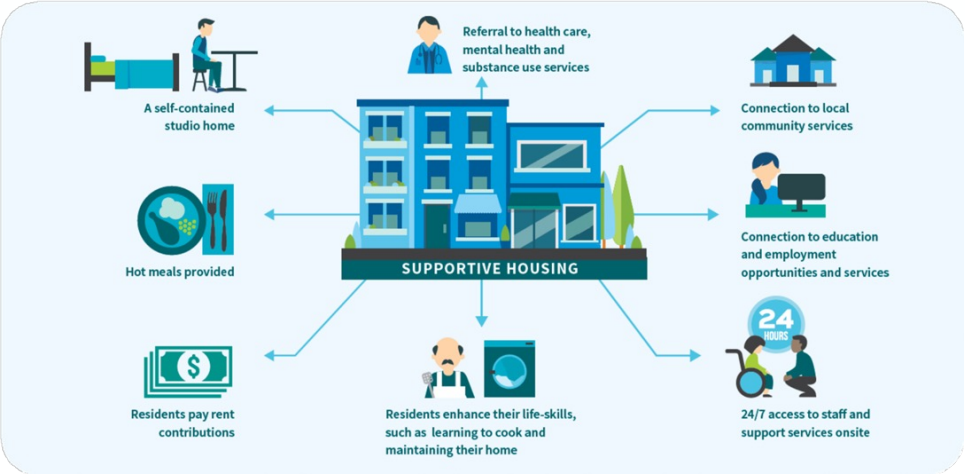
- In 2023, **127 people** were identified as experiencing homelessness in Quesnel.
  - **9 people** were **over the age of 55**.
  - **90%** reported having been in the community for **more than one year**; **77%** for **more than five years**.
  - **59%** identified as indigenous.

  (Source: 2023 Point-in-Time Homeless Count)

Photo: Quesnel Observer

How is Supportive Housing managed?

What services are available in Supportive Housing?



Economic Benefits of Supportive Housing