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## Neighbourhood Update 530 Carson Avenue, Quesnel

Hello Neighbour,

BC Housing is planning to permanently convert and operate new homes for people at risk of homelessness at the former Grace Inn, 530 Carson Avenue, in Quesnel. BC Housing is currently leasing 20 units in the building and is now planning on purchasing and rezoning the property to convert it into a permanent and long-term housing solution. This project is part of an ongoing commitment with the City of Quesnel to provide housing solutions for those in need.

### **Attend an Information Session**

Engaging with neighbours and community members is a priority for BC Housing. Your feedback and comments are important. **Join us for an online community engagement session via Zoom (on your computer) on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.** There will be a 30-minute presentation to start, followed with a Q&A for participants to ask questions about the project. Please note, to effectively respond to comments received and minimize redundancy, entry to the online meeting will be restricted to the first half an hour of the information session. Follow the Let's Talk page link at the end of this letter for more information and to register, as well as the opportunity to ask BC Housing additional questions online.

### **Why Supportive Housing?**

BC Housing follows an evidence-based and internationally recognized housing first model for British Columbians experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Quesnel recorded 127 individuals who were homeless on the 2023 Report on Homeless Count. By providing these homes, tenants can access important aspects of well-being such as support services to encourage a healthy lifestyle and job skills training, as well as privacy and hygiene facilities. We may not know everyone's story, but we do know their journey to being healthy members of society starts with a place to call home.

### **About the Project**

The supportive homes would be a conversion of the existing studio units in the former Grace Inn. These studio apartments include private bathrooms and a kitchenette. Supportive housing provides a person-centered approach to help these individuals thrive. There will be staff on-site 24 hours a day to share important life skill training, wellness checks and other health and skill development programs. An operator for the site will be selected through a fair and transparent process.

### **What Happens Next**

BC Housing will continue to build partnerships with the City, City staff, Housing Solutions Table and First Nations. We will continue attendance in Council Meetings and align mutual interests in housing needs and community building.



For more information about the proposed project and to register for the event, please visit:  
[letstalkhousingbc.ca/quesnel-530-carson-avenue](https://letstalkhousingbc.ca/quesnel-530-carson-avenue)

If you have questions in the meantime, please contact BC Housing at  
[communityrelations@bchousing.org](mailto:communityrelations@bchousing.org)

Kind regards,  
BC Housing Communications