

530 Carson Ave

Supporting Housing in Quesnel

Virtual Community Dialogue Session
January 23, 2024 – 6:30pm-8:00pm

Land Acknowledgement

BC Housing acknowledges that we conduct our activities on the homelands of thousands of Indigenous peoples and many Nations across British Columbia. Each has their own unique traditions, culture, worldviews, languages, and history. We have much to learn from Indigenous ways of knowing and being in the world and we are committed to adopting the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action.

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



Introductions

- **Kirsten Baillie** – BC Housing, Senior Manager of Development
- **David Sheach** – BC Housing, Non-Profit Portfolio Manager
- **Samuel Hogg** – BC Housing, Development Manager
- **Tanya Turner** - Director of Development Services, City of Quesnel

For our time together

We commit to:

- Come together in the spirit of community
- Share information openly and transparently
- Balance time for sharing information and answering questions

We ask that all participants:

- Use respectful, people-first language
- Ask brief, genuine questions and allow space for answers
- Consider there may be people experiencing homelessness present

Meeting details

Mute and chat functions

- All participants will be muted/ unmuted by the facilitator
- Q&A window will be used for questions
- Chat messages will only appear to the facilitator

Q&A

- Q&A time after the presentation
- Request to ask a question by raising hand in zoom
- Type questions into the Zoom Q&A at any time
- The Q&A session is not being recorded



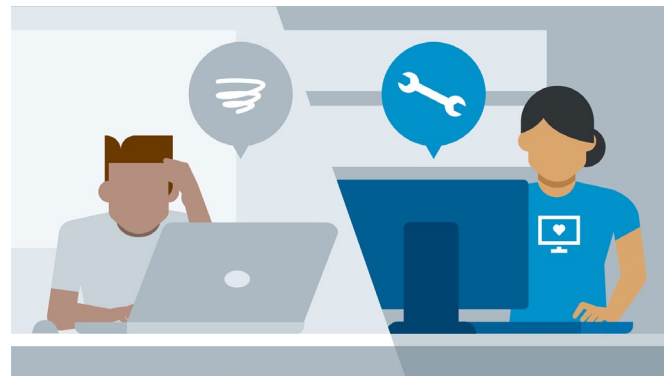
Technical support

Contacts

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- 604-439-4702(Meeting host)

Connect by phone

- +1 780 666 0144 (Zoom audio)
- Meeting ID number: 645 6491 1878



Homelessness in Quesnel

- ✓ In 2023, 127 People were identified as experiencing homelessness compared to 121 in 2020.
- ✓ 57% of individuals identified as male, 40% identified as female.
- ✓ Of these individuals, 59% identified as Indigenous and 64% of Indigenous-identifying respondents reported having lived in, or experienced generational trauma from, residential schools.
- ✓ 90% of respondents have been in the community for more than one year, and 77% for more than five years.



Housing Ecosystem



Recent Partnerships in Quesnel

Completed

190+ units over **8** projects

Ranging from shelters and transitional housing to housing affordability to serve **everyone** across the housing ecosystem.



Elliott St. - 28 Units

Quesnel Shelter and Support Society
Homelessness Action Response



McNaughton Ave. - 30 Units

Quesnel Lions Housing Society
Seniors Housing



Bowron Ave. - 26 Units

Dakelh & Quesnel
Community Housing Society
Indigenous Housing



McLean St. - 38 Units

Dakelh & Quesnel
Community Housing Society
Affordable Housing

Proposal Stage

50+ units over **2** projects including Indigenous Housing and housing for women and children fleeing violence

What is Supportive Housing?

- Culturally-informed services
- Subsidized housing with on-site supports
- Homes are for people at risk of, or experiencing homelessness

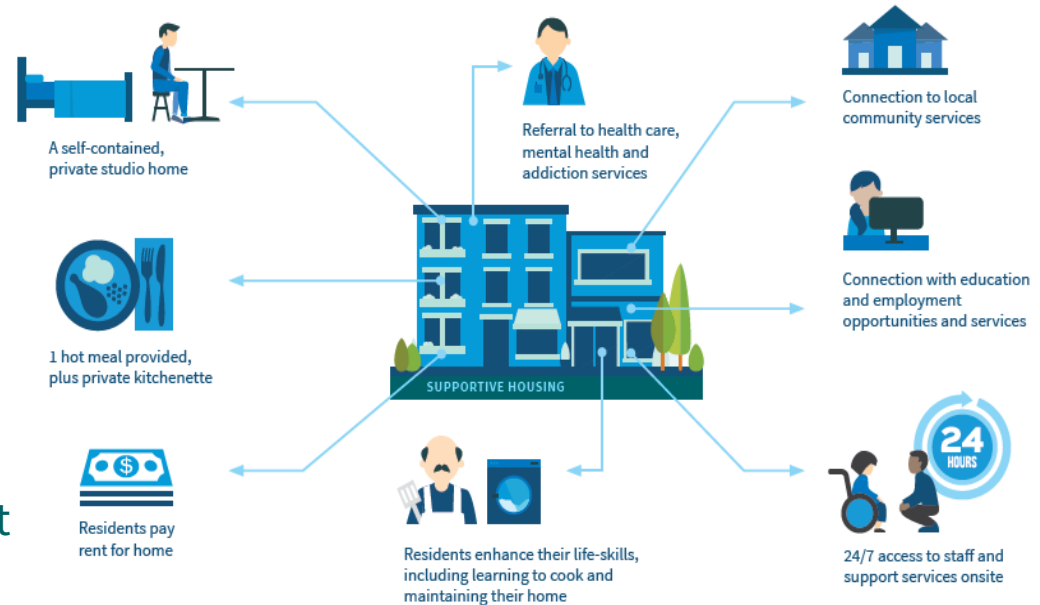


How is Supportive Housing managed?



On-site Supports

- Daily meal services
- Individual case planning
- Individual & group services for residents
(life skills, community kitchen)
- Connection to community supports, including employment skills training and health and wellness supports



Quesnel – Bridges Supportive Housing



Economic Benefits of Supportive Housing



VS



On average, a person **experiencing homelessness** with addictions and/or mental illness used

\$55,000 per year in health care and/or corrections services

On average, a person **in supportive housing** with addictions and/or mental illness used

\$37,000 per year in health care and/or corrections services



Every dollar invested in supportive housing **creates \$4-5** in social and/or economic value

Supportive housing residents were **64% less likely** than shelter clients **to use ambulance services**



Average hospital stay for supportive housing residents was **50% less** than shelter clients



530 Carson Avenue - Grace Inn

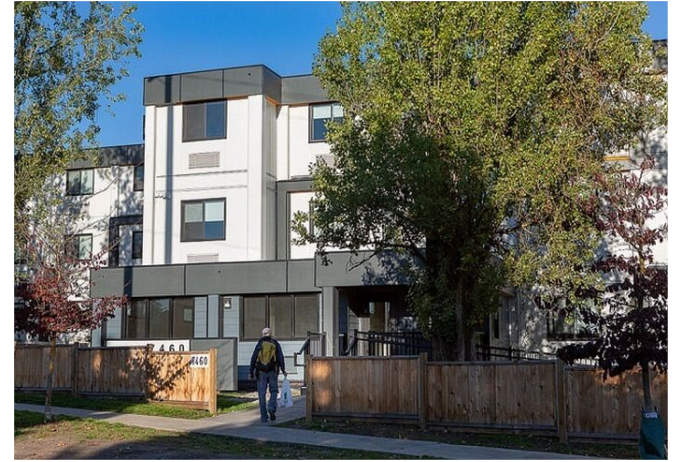
- BC Housing is leasing 20 units in the Grace Inn
- The site is under contract to BC Housing
- Requesting rezoning to permit supportive housing on this site
- Existing programming, with additional supports, will continue
- BC Housing intends to purchase the property
- Appropriate site zoning required before purchase can close

530 Carson Avenue – Grace Inn



Next Steps

- Rezoning process with City of Quesnel
- 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 development team



Quesnel Housing Initiatives

Housing Needs Assessments: 2010; 2015; 2019 – all show need for affordable housing

Affordable Housing strategy 2013

- ✓ *Initiated a Multi-Unit Incentive Bylaw in 2016 to encourage development*
- ✓ *Secondary Suites and Accessory Dwelling Units permitted in single residential zones since 2019*
- ✓ *Pre-Reviewed Accessory Dwellings*

Vulnerable Population Services and Housing Report 2023

- ✓ *Growing need – seniors fastest growing demographic in core housing need*

Provincial Housing Legislation to create more housing

Housing Solutions Table

Zoning Process

1. **First Reading** - Complete ✓
2. **Consultation** - In progress
3. **Consultation Report and Second Reading** - February 6th
4. **Open House Q&A (4:30PM) Public Hearing (5:30PM)** - February 20th
5. **Third Reading** - February 20th
6. **Final Adoption** - To be determined

Questions?

Request to ask a question by raising your hand in zoom or type your question into the Q&A function.

If we do not get to your question, please **email us** or **visit the website:**

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