

April 23, 2026

Housing and Shelter Project Updates

3879 Alfred Avenue & 3892 3rd Avenue, Smithers

Dear Neighbour,

We are writing to share several updates about housing and shelter projects in Smithers.

Permanent supportive housing and shelter beds are urgently needed in Smithers, and BC Housing is working closely with the Town of Smithers to help meet this need.

See below for the latest information about these projects. See reverse for details about a Community Open House on Wednesday May 13, 2026.

Project Update: Permanent supportive housing and shelter at 3879 Alfred Avenue

We are pleased to share that BC Housing has selected Smithers Community Services Association (SCSA) to operate the permanent supportive housing and shelter project at 3879 Alfred Avenue. SCSA will manage the building and provide services to all residents. Supports will include 24/7 staffing, daily meals, counselling, employment assistance and access to health and community services. Learn more about SCSA by visiting scsa.ca.

This building will provide 40 studio homes and 20 permanent shelter spaces with on-site support services. The project was announced in early 2024, and we hosted a Community Dialogue with neighbours at that time. We shared project updates in May 2025 and November 2025. Find the latest project information by visiting letstalkhousingbc.ca/smithers-alfred-ave.

Proposed interim shelter at 3892 3rd Avenue

BC Housing is also proposing to open a 25-bed interim year-round shelter space at 3892 3rd Avenue under the Province's HEART & HEARTH program. This would help reduce the impact of the current impact of homelessness in the community by offering temporary safe spaces for people in need, while we continue developing permanent supportive housing and shelter in the community.

We explored several possible locations for this interim shelter. We are recommending 3892 3rd Avenue for approval by the Town of Smithers in June 2026. This is the only site that met our criteria for a HEARTH shelter project. This site hosted a temporary winter shelter for the season ending March 31, 2026.

If approved, we would renovate this building and property. We would update the indoor and outdoor common areas, kitchen and washrooms. We would also select a non-profit operator to manage the building and provide services to shelter guests.

Community Open House

We are inviting neighbours and community members to join us to learn more, ask questions and share feedback about both projects.

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Time: Drop in any time between 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Where: Muheim Memorial Elementary School (Gymnasium), 3659 3rd Avenue

Register: RSVP by visiting alfred_avenue_open_house.eventbrite.ca or by scanning the QR code:



Registration is optional but encouraged for planning purposes.

- This is a drop-in, open house style event. Project information will be available on poster boards and handouts. *There will be no formal presentation or Q&A period.*
- Project representatives will be available to answer questions and provide information about both the Alfred Avenue development and the proposed interim shelter.
- Updated building plans for the Alfred Avenue development will be on display.
- Staff from Smithers Community Services Association (SCSA) will also be available to answer questions about operations at the Alfred Avenue site.
- There will be a dedicated interactive area where we will be asking community members for specific feedback on elements of the proposed interim shelter. This feedback will be shared with the Town of Smithers Council.

Questions

We continue to welcome questions or comments about these projects at any time by email to communityrelations@bchousing.org.

Community members are also welcome to submit feedback related to the proposed interim shelter to this inbox for consideration by May 15, 2026.

Kind regards,

BC Housing