



39900 Government Road, Squamish

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Land Acknowledgement

BC Housing acknowledges that we conduct our activities on the homelands of thousands of Indigenous peoples and many Nations across British Columbia.

We acknowledge, with gratitude, that the area we are discussing today is located on the unceded traditional territory of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation). We offer gratitude to the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh People who have lived on these lands since time immemorial.



Discussion Topics

- Housing Project Overview
- Communication and Engagement
 - Purpose
 - Approach
 - Key themes
- What's next: Collaborative Neighbourhood Inclusion Planning



Housing Project Overview

BC Housing, Squamish Community Housing Society and Squamish Helping Hands Society, in partnership with the District of Squamish, are proposing to build approximately 165 new homes at **39900 Government Road** and Centennial Way.

The long-term vision for this site includes two separate buildings:

Supportive housing:

- 6-storey building with 65 studio homes with supports
- Indoor and outdoor common areas
- Central kitchen and laundry facilities
- Reception area and office space for staff
- Fenced grounds with on-site vehicle and bicycle parking
- Funded through BC Housing's Supportive Housing Fund

Affordable rental housing:

- 6-storey building with 85-100 affordable rental homes
- Studios, 1, 2 and 3-bedroom apartments
- **Funding for this building is not confirmed, and a project timeline is not yet available**



Communication and Engagement Purpose



Provide clear, accessible information



Build relationships with neighbours



**Gather feedback to support inclusion of the housing
in the neighbourhood**

Communication and Engagement Approach

Project Notification June 2025

- **Project webpage** published
- **190 letters** mailed to neighbours within 100 m of the project site
- **1 email** to strata of Riverstones Complex (39858 Government Road)
- **2 newspaper advertisements** in *The Squamish Chief*
- **2 in-person information sessions** on June 23 and 25, 2025
 - 73 attendees in total
 - Received 76 feedback forms
- **Communications and Engagement Summary Report**
 - Submitted to Council on October 1, 2025

Site preparation March 2026

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- **1 email** to strata of Riverstones Complex (39858 Government Road)
- **2 newspaper advertisements** in *The Squamish Chief*
- **In-person meeting** with owner and residents of 39884 Government Road

Ongoing

- Commitment to collaborative **Neighbourhood Inclusion Planning** (Letter of Commitment)
- Responding to questions through BC Housing's **Community Relations inbox**
- **Neighbour notifications** and **project webpage** updates at major milestones

What We Heard: 5 Key Themes

Overview of questions and feedback shared with BC Housing via:

- **Community Relations inbox** (Total inquiries to date: **43**)
- **Neighbour & Community Information Sessions** (Total attendees: **73**)
- **Feedback forms** (Total received: **76**)

Community members shared questions and concerns about:



Residents of supportive housing

- Who would live in the supportive housing building
- The resident selection process
- On-site supports and services available to residents
- Resident expectations and housing management
- How substance use would be addressed



Differences between supportive housing, shelter and transitional housing

- How supportive housing operations would differ from Under One Roof's current programs
- The role of supportive housing within the Housing Continuum
- Whether the building will include shelter, drop-in or public services

What We Heard: 5 Key Themes Continued

Community members shared questions and concerns about:



Safety, security and neighbourhood integration

- Neighbourhood safety and security
- Potential impacts on nearby schools, parks and public spaces
- Building operations, cleanliness and accountability
- Potential impacts on emergency services
- How project success would be measured and communicated



Site selection and planning process

- Why this location was selected
- Site selection process
- Opportunities for community consultation and engagement
- How neighbours will be informed as the project progresses



Parking, traffic and infrastructure

- Parking availability and potential spillover parking
- Traffic volumes and pedestrian safety
- Road, sidewalk and lighting infrastructure
- Drainage, landscaping and green space considerations

Responses to these questions and concerns were provided in the **Communications and Engagement Summary Report.**

What's next: Collaborative Neighbourhood Inclusion Planning

BC Housing and SHHS will work closely with the District of Squamish and the community to foster positive, long-term inclusion of the supportive housing in the neighbourhood.



Letter of Commitment (in draft)

- Formal, detailed commitments from BC Housing to support the successful inclusion of the supportive housing in the neighbourhood



Operations Management Plan (in draft)

- A public summary of an operator's contractual obligations relating to the management of the supportive housing



Housing Inclusion Initiatives (TBC)

- Can include meetings, regular communications/updates, events, etc.

Questions?

Please email communityrelations@bchousing.org with questions and feedback about this project

Learn more about this project by visiting bchousing.org/squamish-39900-government-road

Safety & Security

Site Safety

- 24/7 on-site staffing with appropriate training
- Exterior lighting, security cameras and perimeter fencing to enhance safety, privacy and control access
- Single point of entry, fob access, 24/7 staffed reception

Community Safety

- Collaboration of SHHS and community partners to ensure accountability and responsiveness
- Direct contact information to be shared with neighbours
- Regular property checks to ensure safety and cleanliness

Having safe, accessible and low-barrier housing in a community means there are fewer people sheltering outdoors.

This increases people's personal safety and well-being and contributes to community safety overall.

