

# Proposed Housing Development

## **Supportive Housing & Affordable Rental Housing**

### **39900 Government Road & Centennial Way, Squamish**

June 4, 2025

Dear Neighbour,

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.

This project would include two buildings. The first building would feature approximately 60 to 65 supportive homes, and the second building would feature approximately 100 affordable rental homes. This project is a major part of our effort to build much-needed rental homes for Squamish residents across a range of incomes.

### **Supportive Housing**

Squamish urgently needs more supportive homes. The last Point in Time Homelessness Count conducted in April 2023 identified 119 people experiencing homelessness in Squamish. Of these, 41% identified that their housing loss was a result of not enough income.

The supportive housing would provide approximately 60 to 65 studio homes to local adults (19+) including seniors and people with disabilities or any others who need supports to maintain stable housing. All residents of supportive housing make a choice to live there. All residents pay rent and sign program agreements.

Typical supports include:

- 24/7 staffing
- Meal programs
- Life skills and employment training
- On-site health and wellness support, including referral pathways to substance-use treatment and recovery

Squamish Helping Hands Society (SHHS) would manage the supportive housing building and provide services to their residents. SHHS is a community-based non-profit society that has been operating since 2006, offering food and shelter programs to Sea-to-Sky communities.

Learn more about SHHS by visiting [squamishhelpinghands.ca](https://squamishhelpinghands.ca).

### **Affordable Rental Housing**



Squamish is experiencing a serious shortage in secure, affordable rental homes. The most recent District of Squamish Housing Needs Report found that 6,840 new housing units are needed by 2031 to meet both current housing needs and the additional demand generated by continued population growth. 24% of these new housing units will need to serve households earning less than \$45,000 per year.

The affordable rental property proposed for this site would provide approximately 100 homes, including studios, one-, two-, and three- bedroom apartments. The property would provide secure homes for rent to low- and moderate- income households in Squamish, prioritizing seniors, people with disabilities and families. The majority of units would have rents based on 30% of residents' household incomes as confirmed by annual income testing. Residents would need to meet income and household size criteria and be able to live independently without on-site supports.

Squamish Community Housing Society (Housing Squamish) is applying to the Province's Community Housing Fund (CHF) to build these homes. This funding is not yet confirmed. Housing Squamish is a non-profit housing provider established in 2021 by the District of Squamish and community partners, with a mission to catalyze housing solutions in Squamish.

Learn more about Housing Squamish by visiting [housingsquamish.ca](https://www.housingsquamish.ca).

## Development

The land for the proposed development is owned by the District of Squamish and the District will retain ownership once the proposed development is completed.

The District of Squamish has endorsed in principle long term (60-year) leases for the use of this municipal property. These housing projects would require Development Permits. BC Housing currently plans to submit Development Permit Applications for the two buildings in Summer 2025 with site preparation expected to begin in Winter 2025/26.

## Community Information Session

A caring community can contribute greatly to the well-being of our future residents. We are inviting interested neighbours to a drop-in Community Information Session on **Wednesday, June 25, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at Mamquam Elementary School. At this session, neighbours can learn more about the proposed housing project, meet project team members, and seek answers to any questions. Please see the enclosed invitation for full details and RSVP link.



## Stay in touch

BC Housing, SHHS, Housing Squamish and the District of Squamish will continue to reach out to area neighbours with updates and keep lines of communication open throughout this project. We look forward to celebrating these new homes with the community.

Keep up to date about this project and view our Community FAQ by visiting [letstalkhousingbc.ca/squamish-government-road](https://letstalkhousingbc.ca/squamish-government-road) or by scanning the QR code:

If you have any questions about the development or would like to be added to our contact list for project updates, please email [communityrelations@bchousing.org](mailto:communityrelations@bchousing.org).



Sincerely,

BC Housing  
District of Squamish  
Squamish Helping Hands Society  
Squamish Community Housing Society