



SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN VANCOUVER

Southeast Marine Drive at Beatrice Street

1925 Southeast Marine Drive

February 2022

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Understanding homelessness

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**It takes a
community
to address
homelessness**





Helping people in need

People who are experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness are not all the same.

They can be young people, seniors, people with disabilities, and anyone who has experienced trauma, poverty, or struggled with the high cost of housing.

Each person requires a unique combination of services and programs to support their health and wellbeing.





Homes with supports help create safe, inclusive communities for everyone

Bringing people inside means there are fewer people outside struggling to survive. When a person chooses to live in supportive housing, they:

- have a warm, safe place to call home
- can access the necessities of life such as food, washrooms, and laundry
- can begin to heal from the damage caused by living outside
- strengthen community connections



Orca Place

Watch how a community welcomed a new supportive housing building in Parksville, BC.

Orca Place Parksville Supportive Housing





The need for supportive housing in Vancouver

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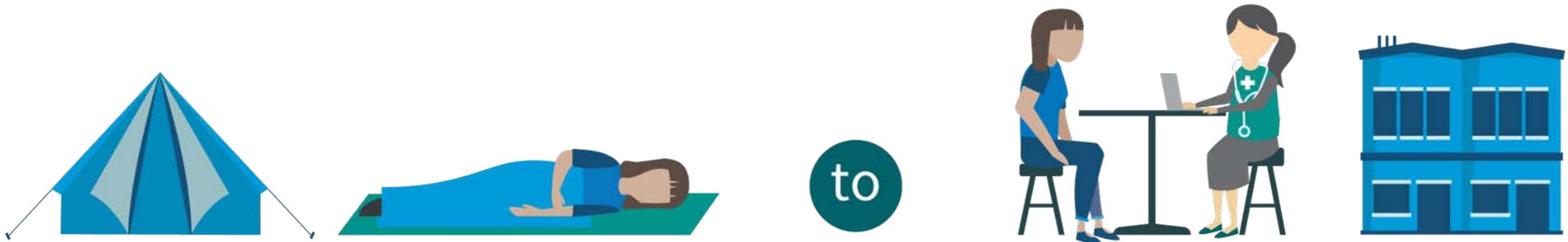




Vancouver needs supportive housing

Vancouver is in a housing crisis and more than 2,000 people across the city are experiencing homelessness.

Creating warm, safe homes with supports for people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness in our communities continues to be a top priority for BC Housing and the City of Vancouver.



Cliff's story of homelessness

Cliff suffered an injury and was unable to work. Without an income, Cliff lost his home and ended up living on the streets for seven months.

“It’s hard to go to work when you’re homeless. You don’t know where you’re going to be the next day. It’s no fun having no home and having to carry everything you own on your back.”

The situation that took Cliff to homelessness could happen to anyone.

Since moving into supportive housing, Cliff can make it through the whole month with the amount of money he has. He has access to support staff, meals and has received help with his resume. Cliff started looking for work and spends a few days a week volunteering at the shelter he was staying at when he was homeless to give back to the community.





“The need for housing with supports for people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness in Vancouver has never been greater. For someone who has been living outside, or in unstable housing, having a warm, safe space to call home is life-saving. Supportive housing offers the added benefit of being able to connect people directly to the help they need.”

– *Carnegie Homelessness Outreach Team Member*



How this housing will help people in need

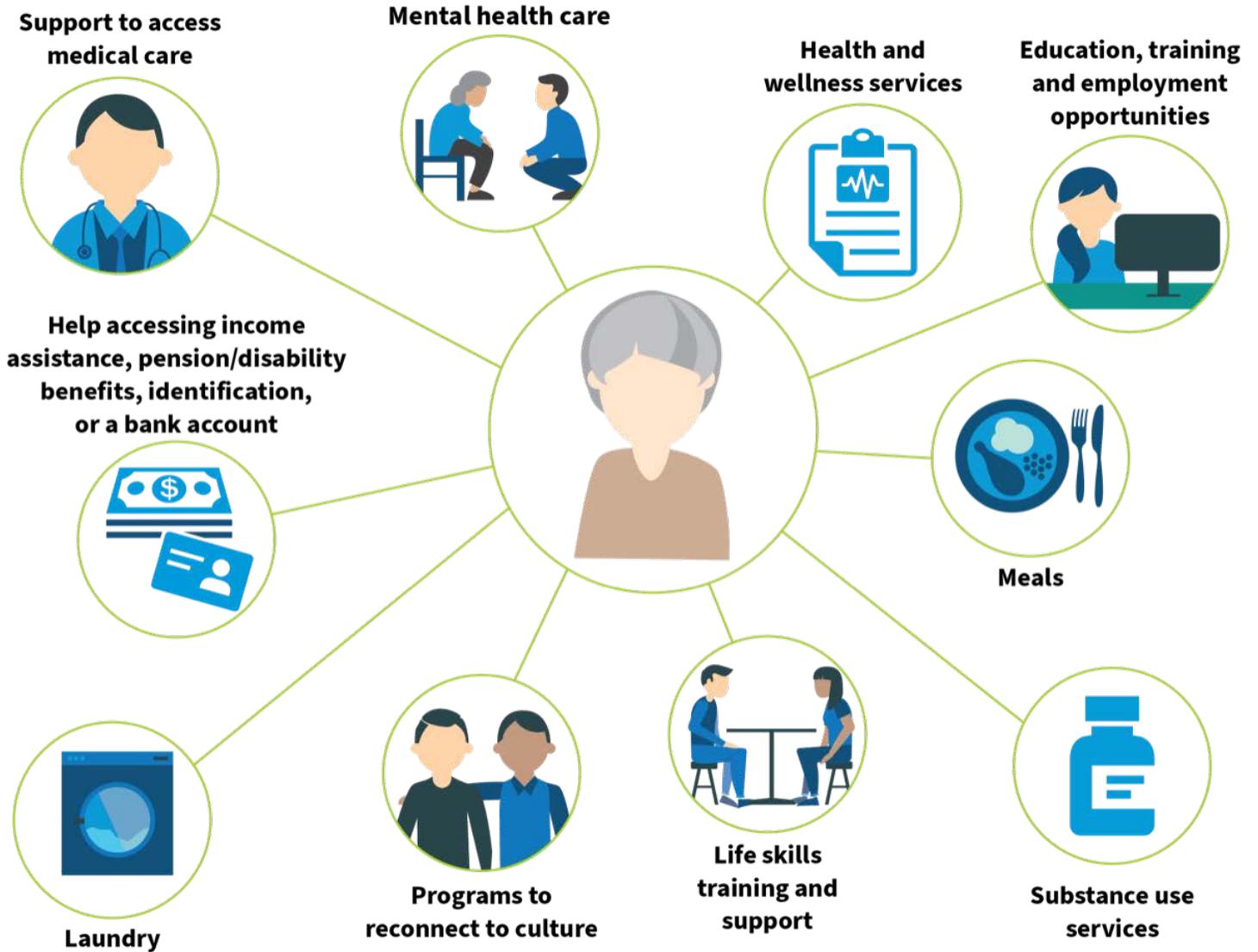
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Supportive housing: A vital connection to programs and services





How supportive housing programs are managed

Supportive housing programs are managed by non-profit housing operators that bring professional building management experience and expertise providing customized supports tailored to meet the unique needs of each resident.

All residents in supportive housing have made a choice to live there, pay rent, and are able to access the supports provided by non-profit housing operators, health care professionals and other community-based programs.



The Kettle Society

If approved, this building would be managed by The Kettle Society, an established non-profit housing provider that supports people in more than 400 affordable and supportive homes in Vancouver.



Tamara's story

Watch the story of how supportive housing changed Tamara's life.





The proposal for homes with supports on Southeast Marine Drive at Beatrice Street

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New warm, safe homes with supports on Southeast Marine Drive at Beatrice Street

- BC Housing and the City of Vancouver are proposing to build a six-storey residential building with approximately 72 new homes with supports at 1925 Southeast Marine Drive. The homes would be for adults, seniors, and people with disabilities who are experiencing, or are at risk of, homelessness with a priority for people in the local community.



New warm, safe homes with supports on Southeast Marine Drive at Beatrice Street

- All units would be studio apartments with a private bathroom and kitchen
- At least 5% of the homes would be fully accessible, with all homes designed to be universally adaptable to residents of all abilities
- The building would also include amenities such as shared laundry, a dining area, program space, and a parkade





Proposed six-storey building at 1925 Southeast Marine Drive



Building rendering is for artistic purposes only and is subject to change



Proposed landscape plan for 1925 Southeast Marine Drive

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Example of a supportive housing studio home in Vancouver





Creating welcoming and inclusive communities

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Supporting the success of the proposed building

“We’ve been part of opening multiple buildings of supportive housing in Vancouver and are always impressed by the way the community comes together to welcome their new neighbours. We’ve seen many different ideas: welcome baskets, food deliveries and free passes to the local community centre for the new residents. Every action, big or small, goes a long way in making the new residents feel at home.”

– Julie Roberts, Community Builders





Nora Hendrix Place hosted a community gathering with music, food and dancing to celebrate the opening of the new supportive homes.



Baaad Anna's—a knitting shop in Vancouver—had a goal of getting a warm handmade item to each new resident in supportive housing opened by the City of Vancouver over the past two years.

That's nearly 400 handmade items to make new residents feel welcome in their homes.



**Sole Food Farms
partnered with
Hummingbird Place to
provide employment
opportunities for
supportive housing
residents.**



Process and next steps

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Moving forward at Southeast Marine Drive at Beatrice Street

BC Housing and the City are committed to moving forward with a rezoning application to develop this specific site and are sharing information on this proposal with neighbours early in the development process.

Through the City of Vancouver's development process, we invite community feedback on aspects of the development proposal, including:

- Building and site design elements, such as lighting and landscaping
- Local representation for the Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Ideas for how to support the success of the building

As with any other development in Vancouver, information about a building's future residents such as their race, gender, level of income, private healthcare needs, or sexual orientation does not factor into City Council's decision to approve a site.



Opportunities for community input

There are multiple ways to provide input into the proposal to build supportive housing at Southeast Marine Drive at Beatrice Street:

- Submit your comments during the Public Comment Period from February 21st to March 18th, 2022 at letstalkhousingbc.ca/vancouver-marine
- Submit a comment anytime at letstalkhousingbc.ca/vancouver-marine
- Attend a Neighbourhood Dialogue Session
- Provide feedback to the Community Liaison by phone or email at communityliaison@bchousing.org or by calling 604-829-9321 Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Feedback submitted through these channels will be considered in the development of the rezoning application. When a rezoning application is submitted, there will be a further City-led public engagement process.



Neighbourhood Dialogue Sessions

Neighbours to the proposed homes are invited to learn more through a virtual small group dialogue session.

If interested, please sign up for **one** of the following sessions at letstalkhousingbc.ca/vancouver-marine:

- March 8th, 2022: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- March 9th, 2022: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The same information will be presented at both sessions.

Timeline

February 2022

March 2022

Spring 2022

Spring 2022

Winter 2022/2023

Winter 2022/2023

**PUBLIC
COMMENT
PERIOD**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD
DIALOGUES**

**REZONING
APPLICATION
SUBMITTED
TO CITY OF
VANCOUVER**

**CITY OF
VANCOUVER
VIRTUAL
OPEN HOUSE**

**PUBLIC
HEARING**

**CITY COUNCIL
DECISION ON
REZONING
APPLICATION**

**If approved,
construction
would start in
mid-2023.**

**PUBLIC INPUT ON
PROPOSAL**

**PUBLIC INPUT ON
REZONING APPLICATION**

PUBLIC INPUT THROUGH 'LET'S TALK HOUSING' WEBSITE AND COMMUNITY LIAISON PHONE AND EMAIL

Dates in the timeline are approximate and subject to change.



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Questions or comments

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letstalkhousingbc.ca/vancouver-marine

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