

Neighbourhood Update

Wellness House | 938 Mason Street, Victoria

Dear Neighbour,

We are writing to share an update on Wellness House, a proposed culturally supportive housing development at 938 Mason Street in Victoria for Indigenous people starting on their pathway to wellness. Wellness House is an important part of our continued effort to address the urgent need to offer safe and culturally appropriate housing to First Nations, Inuit and Métis people experiencing homelessness in the Victoria area.

Community engagement and design updates

In July 2024, the selected operator for Wellness House, Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness Society (ACEH), and BC Housing hosted a dinner and meeting with the North Park Neighbourhood Association (NPNA) to present information and answer questions about the development. Following this meeting, the project team made design changes that will better support the building's integration into the neighbourhood. These changes include:

- Adjusting the position of the outdoor social/smoking area
- Installation of fire safety infrastructure on the northern property line
- Setback adjustments
- Additional landscaping enhancements

We thank the NPNA for their engagement and input. These design adjustments will enhance safety, improve privacy, reduce noise impact, allow for better sunlight access to neighbouring properties and enhance the neighbourhood streetscape.

Development timeline

We're working towards demolition of the existing building as the next project milestone. Site preparation and construction will follow. We will keep neighbours and nearby businesses informed ahead of major construction on site, including timeline expectations, when they are made available.

Questions?

A caring community contributes greatly to the success of supportive housing residents. BC Housing and ACEH commit to keeping lines of communication open with neighbours throughout this project. As good neighbours, we commit to addressing any concerns quickly and collaboratively.

We continue to welcome questions about this project at any time by email at **communityrelations@bchousing.org**.

You can continue to find the latest project information and further opportunities to support community integration of Wellness House by visiting letstalkhousingbc.ca/Victoria-938-mason-street or by scanning the QR code:



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Sincerely,

BC Housing
Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness Society