

November 23, 2022

Dear Neighbour,

We are writing to share with you the latest information about a planned redevelopment project at 926/930 Pandora Avenue and to invite you to learn more at a series of upcoming online community information sessions.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

BC Housing, the City of Victoria and the Capital Region Housing Corporation (CRHC) have partnered to propose 205 new affordable rental and supportive homes at 926/930 Pandora Avenue in Victoria. The project also includes plans for a large community space with child-care facilities on the ground floor.

The estimated 20-storey building would include:

- **158 affordable homes** rented at below-market rates to individuals and families. Residents will apply and be selected through the CRHC.
- **47 supportive homes** for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness with supports available on site. Residents will be selected through BC Housing and matched with appropriate services.
- **16,000 square feet of community space** managed by the City of Victoria and used for community programs and childcare.

Construction is currently expected to run from 2024 to late 2027.

THE HOUSING NEED

These 205 new homes would help meet rapid population growth in the region and provide much-needed housing for many families and others in need of safe, secure and affordable homes during the ongoing housing crisis.

This project is being submitted under the City of Victoria's new Rapid Deployment of Affordable Housing process which was passed in April 2022. Under this process, projects by non-profit, government or co-op housing organizations do not require rezonings with public hearings when they meet certain qualifying criteria. This process is expected to significantly shorten housing development timelines.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

BC Housing, the City of Victoria and the CRHC commit to keeping neighbours and the community up to date and answering questions throughout this multi-year project.

We will be holding online community information sessions in December 2022 to share updates and answer questions. Pre-registration is not required, and everyone is welcome to join. Future sessions may also be held as the development moves forward.

- **Tuesday, December 6, 3- 4 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, December 7, 7-8 p.m.**
- **Thursday, December 8, 4-5 p.m.**

For webinar links, please visit letstalkhousingbc.ca/victoria-930-pandora.

Ongoing questions or feedback may also be sent to communityrelations@bchousing.org.

Thank you,

BC Housing
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